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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 300

Introduced by Committee on Education (Coauthors: Assembly Members Goldberg (Chair), Plescia (Vice-Chair), Cohn, Hancock, Liu, Mullin, Pavley, Reyes, and Wyland)

February 6, 2003

An act to amend Sections 5019, 8206, 8206.1, 8206.6, 8242, 8263, 8805, 11021, 35160.5, 35256, 35534, 35555, 35566, 35710, 35722, 35738, 35753, 35756, 35765, 39831.5, 41344, 41402, 41403, 41975, 42238, 42239.15, 44505, 45037, 46201, 46202, 48209.16, 48916, 48918, 48980, 52055.600, 52055.640, 56001, 56028, 56032, 56043, 56170, 56320, 56341.5, 56343.5, 56345.1, 56361, 56366, 56390, 56391, 56500.3, 56504.5, 56505, 56506, 56605, 56836.01, 56836.155, 56863, 58562, 60040, 60119, 60601 of, to amend and renumber Section 56365.2 *56364.2* of, to add Sections 35517 and 35710.1 to, and to repeal Sections 8206.3, 8206.5, 8206.7, 8206.8, 8207, 11023, 17912.1, 32211, 35735.3, 41404, 41406, 41407, 45357, 45358, 48209.17, 51882, 56364, 56364 56364.5, 62002, 62007, and 62008 of, the Education Code, to amend Sections 19050.8, 54901, and 54902 of, and to repeal Section 54903.1 of, the Government Code, and to amend Section 45 of Chapter 1167 of the Statutes of 2002, relating to education, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take immediately.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 300, as amended, Goldberg Committee or Education. Education.

(1) Existing law authorizes the Department of Education, upon request, to waive its regulations for staffing and group size ratios for programs in which subsidized children comprise a majority of the enrollment.

This bill would instead authorize the Superintendent of Public Instruction, upon request, to waive the requirements for staffing and group size ratios without regard to program enrollment.

(2) Existing law requires families to meet certain requirements to be eligible for subsidized child development services. One of the alternative eligibility requirements is that the parents are incapacitated, including having a medical or psychiatric special need that cannot be met without the provision of child day care.

This bill would delete that requirement and replace it with a requirement that the child is identified as having a medical or psychiatric special need that cannot be met without the provision of child day care.

(3) Existing law establishes the Healthy Start Support Services for Children Grant Program, requires participating local educational agencies and consortia to submit annually an evaluation report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to cause an evaluation to be conducted by an independent organization of the effectiveness of the grant program, requires that independent evaluation to be submitted by June 1, 1994, to the Governor, the Secretary for Education, the Secretary of the Health and Welfare Agency, and the Legislature, and authorizes independent evaluations to be conducted subject to additional funding being made available for that purpose in subsequent fiscal years.

This bill would delete the provisions regarding the required independent evaluation and subsequent contingently authorized independent evaluations.

(4) Existing law establishes the Academic Improvement and Achievement Act which authorizes local educational agencies to submit proposals to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to fund activities that will increase the percentage of pupils at qualifying high schools who meet the requirements for admission to the California State University and the University of California. Existing law provides that funding is contingent on an appropriation in the annual Budget Act and

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conditions renewal of funding on data regarding progress and improvement regarding various college readiness indicators. Existing law requires the superintendent to recommend, and the State Board of Education to approve, a plan for the comprehensive evaluation of the program by July 1, 2003, and would require the State Board of Education to report to the Legislature regarding the program by December 31, 2003.

This bill would delete the conditions for renewal of funding and the requirement regarding the comprehensive evaluation of the program.

(5) Existing law, the Classroom Instructional Improvement and Accountability Act, an initiative measure, requires the governing board of a school district to compare the content of the school district's school accountability report card to the model school accountability report card adopted by the State Board of Education. The initiative measure provides that it may be amended by the Legislature, only to further its purposes, by a bill that is passed with a ²/₃ vote of both houses of the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

This bill would delete the requirement that a school district compare its report card with the state model, and would declare that this change further the purposes of the initiative.

(6) Existing law provides for the formation and reorganization of school districts and defines various terms for this purpose.

This bill would define "uninhabited territory."

(7) Existing law requires that exchanges of property tax revenues between school districts that are a result of the reorganization of school districts be determined pursuant to a specified provision of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

This bill would limit this provision to cases in which at least one of the school districts is a basic aid school district.

(8) Existing law authorizes a county committee on school district organization to approve certain petitions to transfer territory from one school district to another and, if approved, to notify the county superintendent of schools who is required to call an election as prescribed by law. Existing law authorizes a county committee on school district organization to establish a common governing board for a high school district and an elementary school district within the boundaries of the high school district.

This bill would allow the election to be conducted by mail and would prohibit an election from being called if the territory to be transferred is uninhabited territory. The bill would authorize a county committee AB 300 — 4 —

on school district organization to abolish a common governing board for a high school district and an elementary district within the boundaries of the high school district.

(9) Existing law requires a county committee on school district organization to formulate plans and recommendations for the organization of the districts in the county. Existing law authorizes the State Board of Education to approve the plans and recommendations for the reorganization of school districts and requires the county superintendent of schools, after receipt of notification of the board's approval of plans and recommendations, to call an election.

This bill would allow the election to be conducted by mail.

(10) Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Director of Finance to jointly establish a plan for repayment of school funds that a local educational agency received on the basis of average daily attendance that did not comply with statutory of regulatory requirements that were conditions of apportionments.

This bill would, commencing with the 1999–2000 fiscal year, prohibit the manner of reducing the amount disallowed for repayment purposes from resulting in a local educational agency repaying more than the value of the average daily attendance disallowed, plus interest and other penalties or reductions in apportionments as provided by existing law.

(11) Existing law sets forth the maximum allowable ratio of administrative employees to teachers in the various types of school districts and requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to determine the ratio of administrative employees to teachers in each school district. Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to determine the reduction in state support resulting from excessive administrative employees. Existing law subjects school districts to annual audits regarding the ratio of administrative employees to teachers.

This bill would instead require a school district to determine that ratio and would set forth the manner of determining whether a school district is in compliance with the maximum allowable ratio. The bill would delete the provisions requiring the Superintendent of Public Instruction to determine the reduction in state support resulting from excessive administrative employees and subjecting school districts to annual audits regarding the ratio of administrative employees to teachers and would make conforming changes.

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(12) Existing law prohibits apportionments and allowances to a school district from Section A of the State School Fund in a fiscal year to be less than \$120 per unit of average daily attendance or \$2,400, whichever is lesser less.

This bill would instead prohibit those apportionments and allowances from being less than \$120 per unit of average daily attendance or \$2,400, whichever is greater.

(13) Existing law makes a school district and a charter school eligible for reimbursement for hours of pupil attendance claimed for intensive algebra instruction academies in an amount as specified.

This bill would, commencing with the 2002–03 fiscal year, require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to allocate a minimum of \$7,406, adjusted for inflation, for this program in each school district that had a prior fiscal year enrollment of less than 333 pupils and that offered at least 1,500 hours of supplemental summer school instruction, with a school district that had a prior fiscal year enrollment of less than 333 pupils and that offered less than 1,500 hours of supplemental summer school instruction receiving a proportionately reduced allocation.

(14) Existing law requires a county office of education to be assessed a penalty if it draws an order for a warrant in favor of a person for a period of service during which the person did not have a valid certification document.

This bill would instead require the assessment of that penalty if the county office of education releases a warrant in the circumstances described above.

(15) Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to reduce a districts apportionment, as specified if the governing board of a school district offers less instructional time than the amount of instructional time fixed for the 1982–83 fiscal year.

This bill would, instead, make the reduction apply only to school districts that do not participate in the program that offers incentives for a longer instructional day and year.

(16) Existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district to accept interdistrict transfers under a policy that ensures that pupils are selected for admission through a random, unbiased process that prohibits an evaluation of whether or not the pupil should be enrolled based on the pupil's academic or athletic performance. This authorization is inoperative on July 1, 2003, and is repealed on January 1, 2004.

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This bill would, instead, make the authorization inoperative on July 1, 2008, and repeal it on January 1, 2009.

(17) Existing law requires the governing board of a school district to set a date when a pupil who is expelled for certain acts is required to be reviewed for readmission. Existing law requires the date set to be not later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred.

This bill would, for an expulsion ordered during summer session or the intercession period of a year-round program, require the review date to be set not later than the last day of the semester following the summer session or intercession period during which the expulsion was ordered.

(18) Existing law establishes the High Priority Schools Grant Program for Low Performing Schools and requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to allocate, from funds made available for purposes of the program, \$400 per pupil to eligible schools for implementation of a school action plan.

This bill would require the allocation to an eligible school to be not less than \$50,000 and would allow a school that received funding in the 2002–03 fiscal year to carry over funds until the 2003–04 fiscal year.

(19) Existing law requires a statement of the transition service needs of a pupil to be included in the pupil's individualized education program beginning at age 14.

This bill would also require this statement beginning at an age younger than 14 if determined by the individualized education program team pursuant to federal regulations.

(20) Existing law requires a school district, special education local plan area, or county office of education to conduct meetings to develop, review, and revise the individualized education program of an individual with exceptional needs. Existing law authorizes a school district, special education local plan area, or county office of education to inform parents or guardians of the right to bring to these meetings other people who have knowledge or special expertise regarding the individual with exceptional needs.

This bill would require a school district, special education local plan area, or county office of education to inform parents and guardians of the right described above, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.

(21) Existing law requires a school district, special education local plan area, or county office of education to hold a meeting of an individualized education program team within 30 days, not counting

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days in July and August, when a parent requests a meeting to review an individualized education program.

This bill would instead not count the days between the pupil's regular school sessions, terms, or days of school vacation in excess of 5 schooldays, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.

(22) Existing law authorizes school districts, special education local plan areas, and county offices of education to enter into master contracts regarding the provision of special education and related services with nonpublic, nonsectarian schools and agencies and authorizes a party to the proposed contract to appeal to the county superintendent of schools or the Superintendent of Public Instruction, as applicable, if after 60 days the master contract or related individual services agreements are not finalized. Existing law requires the county superintendent of school of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, or his or her designee, to mediate the formulation of a contract within 30 days of the appeal and provides that the mediation is binding on both parties.

This bill would instead require the county superintendent of school or the Superintendent of Public Instruction, or his or her designee, to render a decision on the appeal which would be the final administrative decision on the matter within those 30 days.

(23) Existing law authorizes the award of a certificate or document of educational achievement or completion to an individual with exceptional needs who meets certain requirements and makes the recipient of this certificate or document eligible to participate in any graduation ceremony or school activity related to graduation in which a pupil of similar age without disabilities would be eligible to participate.

This bill would impose a state-mandated local program by requiring the award of this certificate or document and requiring a school district to permit the recipient to participate in the graduation ceremony and related school activities.

(24) Existing law authorizes certification of educational clinics that, among other things, recruit or receive referral of high school dropouts, provide instruction in basic academic skills, provide employment orientation or reentry orientation, operate on a clinical client-centered basis, and conduct courses of instruction. This authorization is inoperative on July 1, 2003, and is repealed on January 1, 2004.

This bill would make the authorization inoperative on July 1, 2007, and repeal it on January 1, 2008.

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(25) Existing law establishes the Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Program and requires the governing board to hold a public hearing on prescribed matters in order to be eligible to receive program funds. Existing law requires the governing board to provide 10 days' notice of the public hearing, requires the notice to contain the time, place and purpose of the hearing, and requires the notice to be posted in 3 public places in the school district.

This bill would instead require the governing board to provide notice of the hearing in a manner in which it customarily provides similar notices and information to the public.

(26) Existing law, the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program, requires that each school district, charter school, and county office of education administer to each of its pupils in grades 2 to 11, inclusive, a designated achievement test and a standards-based achievement test. Existing law repeals this program on January 1, 2005.

This bill would impose a state-mandated local program by extending the program until January 1, 2009.

(27) Existing law requires a school district to file a statement regarding boundary changes with certain state and local officials.

This bill would require the statement to include the estimated public school pupil population for changes of organization or reorganizations that include the annexation to or detachment from a school district.

(28) Existing law appropriates \$313,908,000 from the General Fund for purposes of the School Improvement Program, with \$54,181,000 for purposes of making allowances for grades 7 to 12, inclusive. From the \$54,181,000, the State Department of Education is required to allocate \$34.72 per unit of average daily attendance (ADA) generated by pupils enrolled in grades 7 and 8 to school districts that received School Improvement Grants in the 1989–90 fiscal year at a rate of \$30 per unit of ADA generated by pupils enrolled in grades 7 and 8.

This bill would change the \$34.72 rate per unit of ADA to \$34.67 and would allocate \$123.18 per unit of ADA generated by pupils enrolled in grades 7 and 8 to school districts that received School Improvement Grants in the 1989-90 fiscal year at a rate of \$106.93 per unit of ADA generated by pupils enrolled in grades 7 and 8.

(29) This bill would require the average daily attendance for the second principal apportionment of the 2001–02 fiscal year for the Oxnard Union High School district to be calculated as 89.10% of the October 2001 CBEDS enrollment of 14,922, as approved by the Department of Finance.

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- (30) This bill would make other technical and nonsubstantive changes to the Education Code, repeal obsolete and duplicative provisions, and make changes in provisions governing child care and special education to conform to federal regulations.
- (31) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by specified provisions of this act for a specified reason.

However, the bill would also provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains other costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

(32) This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

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- SECTION 1. Section 5019 of the Education Code is amended 1 2 to read:
- 5019. (a) Except in a school district governed by a board of education provided for in the charter of a city or city and county, in any school district or community college district the county committee on school district organization may establish trustee areas, rearrange the boundaries of trustee areas, abolish trustee areas, and increase to seven or decrease to five the number of members of the governing board, or adopt one of the alternative 10 methods of electing governing board members specified in Section 5030.
 - (b) The county committee on school district organization may also establish or abolish a common governing board for a high school district and an elementary school district within the boundaries of the high school district. The resolution of the county committee approving the establishment or abolishment of a

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1 common governing board shall be presented to the electors of the school districts as specified in Section 5020.

(c) A proposal to make the changes described in subdivision (a) or (b) may be initiated by the county committee or made to the county committee either by a petition signed by 5 percent or 50, whichever is less, of the qualified registered voters residing in a district in which there are 2,500 or fewer qualified registered voters, or by a petition signed by 2 percent, or 250, whichever is less, of the qualified registered voters residing in a district in which there are 2,501 or more qualified registered voters or by resolution of the governing board of the district. For this purpose, the number of qualified registered voters in the district shall be determined pursuant to the most recent report submitted by the county elections official to the Secretary of State under Section 610 or 6460 of the Elections Code.

When the proposal is made, the county committee shall call and conduct at least one hearing in the district on the matter. At the conclusion of the hearing, the county committee shall approve or disapprove the proposal.

(d) If the county committee approves pursuant to subdivision (a) the rearrangement of the boundaries of trustee areas for a particular district, then the rearrangement of the trustee areas shall be effectuated for the next district election occurring at least 120 days after its approval, unless at least 5 percent of the registered voters of the district sign a petition requesting an election on the proposed rearrangement of trustee area boundaries. The petition for an election shall be submitted to the elections official within 60 days of the proposal's adoption by the county committee. If the qualified registered voters approve pursuant to subdivision (b) or (c) the rearrangement of the boundaries to the trustee areas for a particular district, then the rearrangement of the trustee areas shall be effectuated for the next district election occurring at least 120 days after its approval by the voters.

SEC. 2. Section 8206 of the Education Code is amended to read:

8206. (a) The State Department of Education is hereby designated as the single state agency responsible for the promotion, development, and provision of care of children in the absence of their parents during the workday or while engaged in other activities which require assistance of a third party or parties.

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1 The department shall administer the federal Child Care and 2 Development Fund.

- 3 (b) For purposes of this section, "Child Care and Development Fund" has the same meaning as in Section 98.2 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- 6 SEC. 3. Section 8206.1 of the Education Code is amended to 7 read:
- 8 8206.1. (a) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall collaborate with the Secretary for Education and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, with the advice and assistance of the Child Development Programs Advisory Committee, in the development of the state plan required pursuant to the federal Child Care and Development Fund, prior to submitting or reporting on that plan to the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services.
 - (b) (1) For purposes of this section, "Child Care and Development Fund" has the same meaning as in Section 98.2 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

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- (2) For the purposes of this section, "collaborate" means to cooperate with and to consult with.
- SEC. 4. Section 8206.3 of the Education Code is repealed.
 - SEC. 5. Section 8206.5 of the Education Code is repealed.
- SEC. 6. Section 8206.6 of the Education Code is amended to read:
 - 8206.6. It is the intent of the Legislature that federal funds received pursuant to the federal Child Care and Development Fund shall be allocated according to federal regulations. For purposes of this section, "Child Care and Development Fund" has the same meaning as in Section 98.2 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- 31 SEC. 7. Section 8206.7 of the Education Code is repealed.
- 32 SEC. 8. Section 8206.8 of the Education Code is repealed.
- 33 SEC. 9. Section 8207 of the Education Code is repealed.
- 34 SEC. 10. Section 8242 of the Education Code is amended to 35 read:
- 36 8242. If there are no facilities in the area able to meet the
- 37 special needs of particular children, the Superintendent of Public
- 38 Instruction may, upon request, waive the requirements for staffing
- 39 and group size ratios established pursuant to Section 8288.

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1 SEC. 11. Section 8263 of the Education Code is amended to 2 read:

- 8263. (a) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall adopt rules and regulations on eligibility, enrollment, and priority of services needed to implement this chapter. In order to be eligible for federal and state subsidized child development services, families shall meet at least one requirement in each of the following areas:
- (1) A family is (A) a current aid recipient, (B) income eligible, (C) homeless, or (D) one whose children are recipients of protective services, or whose children have been identified as being abused, neglected, or exploited, or at risk of being abused, neglected, or exploited.
- (2) A family needs the child care service (A) because the child is identified by a legal, medical, social service agency, or emergency shelter as (i) a recipient of protective services, (ii) being neglected, abused, or exploited, or at risk of neglect, abuse, or exploitation, or (iii) having a medical or psychiatric special need that cannot be met without provision of child day care or (B) because the parents are (i) engaged in vocational training leading directly to a recognized trade, paraprofession, or profession, (ii) employed or seeking employment, (iii) seeking permanent housing for family stability, or (iv) incapacitated.
- (b) Except as provided in Article 15.5 (commencing with Section 8350), priority for state and federally subsidized child development services is as follows:
- (1) First priority shall be given to neglected or abused children who are recipients of child protective services, or recipients who are at risk of being neglected or abused, upon written referral from a legal, medical, or social service agency. If an agency is unable to enroll a child in the first priority category, the agency shall refer the family to local resource and referral services to locate services for the child.
- (2) Second priority shall be equally given to eligible families, regardless of the number of parents in the home, who are income eligible. Within this priority, families with the lowest gross monthly income in relation to family size, as determined by a schedule adopted by the superintendent, shall be admitted first. When two or more families are in the same priority in relation to income, the family that has been on the waiting list for the longest

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time shall be admitted first. For purposes of determining order of admission, the grants of public assistance recipients shall be counted as income.

- (3) The superintendent shall set criteria for and may grant specific waivers of the priorities established in this subdivision for agencies that wish to serve specific populations, including children with exceptional needs or children of prisoners. These new waivers may shall not include proposals to avoid appropriate fee schedules or admit ineligible families, but may include proposals to accept members of special populations in other than strict income order, as long as appropriate fees are paid.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other law, in order to promote continuity of services, a family enrolled in a state or federally funded child care and development program whose services would otherwise be terminated because the family no longer meets the program income, eligibility, or need criteria may continue to receive child development services in another state or federally funded child care and development program if the contractor is able to transfer the family's enrollment to another program for which the family is eligible prior to the date of termination of services or to exchange the family's existing enrollment with the enrollment of a family in another program, provided that both families satisfy the eligibility requirements for the program in which they are being enrolled. The transfer of enrollment may be to another program within the same administrative agency or to another agency that administers state or federally funded child care and development programs within that county.
- (d) A physical examination and evaluation, including age-appropriate immunization, shall be required prior to, or within six weeks of, enrollment. No standard, rule, or regulation shall require medical examination or immunization for admission to a child care and development program of a child whose parent or guardian files a letter with the governing board of the child care and development program stating that the medical examination or immunization is contrary to his or her religious beliefs, or provide for the exclusion of a child from the program because of a parent or guardian having filed the letter. However, whenever there is good cause to believe that a child is suffering from a recognized contagious or infectious disease, the child shall be temporarily excluded from the program until the governing board of the child

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care and development program is satisfied that any contagious or infectious disease does not exist.

- (e) Regulations formulated and promulgated pursuant to this section shall include the recommendations of the State Department of Health Services relative to health care screening and the provision of health care services. The superintendent shall seek the advice and assistance of these health authorities in situations where service under this chapter includes or requires care of ill children or children with exceptional needs.
- (f) The superintendent shall establish a fee schedule for families utilizing child care and development services pursuant to this chapter. The income of a recipient of federal supplemental security income benefits pursuant to Title XVI of the Federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1381 et seq.) and state supplemental program benefits pursuant to Title XVI of the Federal Social Security Act and Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 12000) of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code may not be included as income for the purposes of determining the amount of the family fee. The fee schedule shall include, but not be limited to, the following restrictions:
- (1) No fees shall be assessed for families whose children are enrolled in the state preschool program.
- (2) A contractor or provider may require parents to provide diapers. A contractor or provider offering field trips either may include the cost of the field trips within the service rate charged to the parent or may charge parents an additional fee. Federal or state money may not be used to reimburse parents for the costs of field trips if those costs are charged as an additional fee. A contractor or provider that charges parents an additional fee for field trips shall inform parents, prior to enrolling the child, that a fee may be charged and that no reimbursement will be available. A contractor or provider may charge parents for field trips or require parents to provide diapers only under the following circumstances:
- (A) The provider has a written policy that is adopted by the agency's governing board that includes parents in the decisionmaking process regarding both of the following:
- (i) Whether or not, and how much, to charge for field trip expenses.
 - (ii) Whether or not to require parents to provide diapers.

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(B) The maximum total of charges per child in a contract year does not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25).

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(C) No child is denied participation in a field trip due to the parent's inability or refusal to pay the charge. Adverse action may not be taken against any parent for that inability or refusal.

Each contractor or provider shall establish a payment system that prevents the identification of children based on whether or not their parents have paid a field trip charge.

Expenses incurred and income received for field trips pursuant to this section shall be reported to the State Department of Education. The income received for field trips shall be reported specifically as restricted income.

- (g) The superintendent shall establish guidelines for the 14 collection of employer-sponsored child care benefit payments from any parent whose child receives subsidized child care and development services. These guidelines shall provide for the collection of the full amount of the benefit payment, but not to exceed the actual cost of child care and development services provided, notwithstanding the applicable fee based on the fee schedule.
 - (h) The superintendent shall establish guidelines according to which the director or a duly authorized representative of the child care and development program will certify children as eligible for state reimbursement pursuant to this section.
 - (i) Public funds may not be paid directly or indirectly to any agency that does not pay at least the minimum wage to each of its employees.
 - SEC. 12. Section 8805 of the Education Code is amended to
 - 8805. The Legislature finds that an evaluation of plan effectiveness is both desirable and necessary, and accordingly requires the following:
 - (a) No later than January 1 of the year following a full year of operation, each local educational agency or consortium that receives an operational grant under this chapter shall submit a report to the superintendent that includes:
 - (1) An assessment of the effectiveness of that local educational agency or consortium in achieving stated goals in the planning and/or operational phase.

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(2) Problems encountered in the design and operation of the Healthy Start Support Services for Children Grant Program plan, including identification of any federal, state, or local statute or regulation that will impede program implementation.

- (3) Recommendations for ways to improve delivery of support services to pupils.
- (4) The number of pupils who will receive support services who previously have not been served.
- (5) The potential impact of the program on the local 10 educational agency or the consortium, including any anticipated increase in school retention and achievement rates of pupils who receive support services.
 - (6) An accounting of anticipated local budget savings, if any, resulting from the implementation of the program.
 - (7) Client and practitioner satisfaction.
 - (8) The ability, or anticipated ability, to continue to provide services in the absence of future funding under this chapter, by allocating resources in ways that are different from existing methods.
 - (9) Increased access to services for pupils and their families.
 - degree of increased collaboration (10) The participating agencies and private partners.
 - (11) If the local educational agency or consortium received certification as a Medi-Cal provider, the extent to which the certification improved access to needed services.
 - (b) Additional annual evaluations may be required as designated by the superintendent.
 - SEC. 13. Section 11021 of the Education Code is amended to
 - 11021. (a) Pursuant to the criteria approved by the State Board of Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall develop an application inviting local educational agencies to apply to receive funds for qualifying schools, subject to an appropriation of funds for purposes of this section.
- (b) Funds shall be distributed and dispersed equitably 36 throughout the state in a manner consistent with the purposes of this chapter and that ensures that qualifying schools located in 37 rural, urban, and suburban areas have access to these 38 programmatic funds.

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(c) Priority in the allocation of funding to qualifying schools shall be based upon a combination of the following factors that shall be given equal consideration:

- (1) The qualifying school's relative low ranking in comparison to the statewide average percentage of high school graduates who complete the A-F or college preparatory course requirements for admission to the California State University and the University of California with a "C" grade or better.
- (2) The qualifying school's relative low ranking in comparison to the statewide average percentage of high school pupils who take the nationally-normed, standardized tests used for college admission decisions.
- (3) The qualifying school's relative low ranking in comparison to other schools maintaining the same grades in any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, of the schoolwide average scores on nationally-normed, standardized tests used for college admission decisions.
- (4) The qualifying school's relative low ranking in comparison to other schools in its college participation rate.
- (d) Funds allocated to qualifying schools pursuant to this chapter shall be awarded annually by the Superintendent of Public Instruction for a period of up to four years.
- (e) Funds allocated pursuant to this section may not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) per pupil at a qualifying school in any single fiscal year. A qualifying school with less than 200 pupils may request funding of up to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).
- (f) Funds appropriated pursuant to this chapter may supplement, but may not supplant, any existing program or service provided at a qualifying school that is consistent with this chapter.
- (g) No more than 5 percent of the amount that is appropriated to a local educational agency for expenditure at a qualifying school pursuant to this chapter shall be used for administrative costs.
- (h) Grant recipients shall ensure that parents or guardians of all 8th grade pupils are notified of the course requirements that are a prerequisite for admission to the California State University and the University of California.
- 37 SEC. 14. Section 11023 of the Education Code is repealed.
- 38 SEC. 15. Section 17912.1 of the Education Code is repealed.
- 39 SEC. 16. Section 32211 of the Education Code is repealed.

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1 SEC. 17. Section 35160.5 of the Education Code is amended 2 to read:

- 35160.5. (a) The governing board of each school district that maintains one or more schools containing any of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, shall, as a condition for the receipt of an inflation adjustment pursuant to Section 42238.1, establish a school district policy regarding participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities by pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive. The criteria, which shall be applied to extracurricular and cocurricular activities, shall ensure that pupil participation is conditioned upon satisfactory educational progress in the previous grading period.
- (1) For purposes of this subdivision, "extracurricular activity" means a program that has all of the following characteristics:
- (A) The program is supervised or financed by the school district.
- (B) Pupils participating in the program represent the school district.
- (C) Pupils exercise some degree of freedom in either the selection, planning, or control of the program.
- (D) The program includes both preparation for performance and performance before an audience or spectators.
- (2) For purposes of this subdivision, an "extracurricular activity" is not part of the regular school curriculum, is not graded, does not offer credit, and does not take place during classroom time.
- (3) For purposes of this subdivision, a "cocurricular activity" is defined as a program that may be associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom.
- (4) Any teacher graded or required program or activity for a course that satisfies the entrance requirements for admission to the California State University or the University of California is not an extracurricular or cocurricular activity as defined by this section.
- (5) For purposes of this subdivision, "satisfactory educational progress" shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- (A) Maintenance of minimum passing grades, which is defined as at least a 2.0 grade point average in all enrolled courses on a 4.0 scale.

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(B) Maintenance of minimum progress toward meeting the high school graduation requirements prescribed by the governing board.

- (6) For purposes of this subdivision, "previous grading period" does not include any grading period in which the pupil was not in attendance for all, or a majority of, the grading period due to absences excused by the school for reasons such as serious illness or injury, approved travel, or work. In that event, "previous grading period" is deemed to mean the grading period immediately prior to the grading period or periods excluded pursuant to this paragraph.
- (7) A program that has, as its primary goal, the improvement of academic or educational achievements of pupils is not an extracurricular or cocurricular activity as defined by this section.
- (8) The governing board of each school district may adopt, as part of its policy established pursuant to this subdivision, provisions that would allow a pupil who does not achieve satisfactory educational progress, as defined in paragraph (4), in the previous grading period to remain eligible to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities during a probationary period. The probationary period shall not exceed one semester in length, but may be for a shorter period of time, as determined by the governing board of the school district. A pupil who does not achieve satisfactory educational progress, as defined in paragraph (4), during the probationary period shall not be allowed to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities in the subsequent grading period.
- (9) Nothing in this subdivision shall preclude the governing board of a school district from imposing a more stringent academic standard than that imposed by this subdivision. If the governing board of a school district imposes a more stringent academic standard, the governing board shall establish the criteria for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities at a meeting open to the public pursuant to Section 35145.

The governing board of each school district shall annually review the school district policies adopted pursuant to the requirements of this section.

(b) (1) On or before July 1, 1994, the governing board of each school district shall, as a condition for the receipt of school apportionments from the state school fund, adopt rules and

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 regulations establishing a policy of open enrollment within the district for residents of the district. This requirement does not apply to any school district that has only one school or any school district with schools that do not serve any of the same grade levels.

- (2) The policy shall include all of the following elements:
- (A) It shall provide that the parent or guardian of each schoolage child who is a resident in the district may select the schools the child shall attend, irrespective of the particular locations of his or her residence within the district, except that school districts shall retain the authority to maintain appropriate racial and ethnic balances among their respective schools at the school districts' discretion or as specified in applicable court-ordered or voluntary desegregation plans.
- (B) It shall include a selection policy for any school that receives requests for admission in excess of the capacity of the school that ensures that selection of pupils to enroll in the school is made through a random, unbiased process that prohibits an evaluation of whether any pupil should be enrolled based upon his or her academic or athletic performance. For purposes of this subdivision, the governing board of the school district shall determine the capacity of the schools in its district. However, school districts may employ existing entrance criteria for specialized schools or programs if the criteria are uniformly applied to all applicants. This subdivision shall not be construed to prohibit school districts from using academic performance to determine eligibility for, or placement in, programs for gifted and talented pupils established pursuant to Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 52200) of Part 28.
- (C) It shall provide that no pupil who currently resides in the attendance area of a school shall be displaced by pupils transferring from outside the attendance area.
- (3) Notwithstanding the requirement of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) that the policy include a selection policy for any school that receives requests for admission in excess of the capacity of the school that ensures that the selection is made through a random, unbiased process, the policy may include any of the following elements:
- (A) It may provide that special circumstances exist that might be harmful or dangerous to a particular pupil in the current attendance area of the pupil, including, but not limited to, threats

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of bodily harm or threats to the emotional stability of the pupil, that serve as a basis for granting a priority of attendance outside the current attendance area of the pupil. A finding of harmful or dangerous special circumstances shall be based upon either of the following:

- (i) A written statement from a representative of the appropriate state or local agency, including, but not limited to, a law enforcement official or a social worker, or properly licensed or registered professionals, including, but not limited to, psychiatrists, psychologists, or marriage and family therapists.
- (ii) A court order, including a temporary restraining order and injunction, issued by a judge.

A finding of harmful or dangerous special circumstances pursuant to this subparagraph may be used by a school district to approve transfers within the district to schools that have been deemed by the school district to be at capacity and otherwise closed to transfers that are not based on harmful or dangerous special circumstances.

- (B) It may provide that any pupil attending a school prior to July 1, 1994, may be considered a current resident of that school for purposes of this section until the pupil is promoted or graduates from that school.
- (C) It may provide that no pupil who was on a waiting list for a school or specialized program, on or before July 1, 1994, pursuant to a then-existing district policy on transfers within the district, shall be displaced by pupils transferring after July 1, 1994, from outside the attendance area, as long as the continued maintenance on a waiting list remains consistent with the former policy.
- (D) It may provide that schools receiving requests for admission shall give priority for attendance to siblings of pupils already in attendance in that school and to pupils whose parent or legal guardian is assigned to that school as his or her primary place of employment.
- (E) It may include a process by which the school district informs parents or guardians that certain schools or grade levels within a school are currently, or are likely to be, at capacity and, therefore, those schools or grade levels are unable to accommodate any new pupils under the open enrollment policy.

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(4) It is the intent of the Legislature that, upon the request of the pupil's parent or guardian and demonstration of financial need, each school district provide transportation assistance to the pupil to the extent that the district otherwise provides transportation assistance to pupils.

- SEC. 18. Section 35256 of the Education Code is amended to read:
 - 35256. School Accountability Report Card

The governing board of each school district maintaining an elementary or secondary school shall by September 30, 1989, or the beginning of the school year develop and cause to be implemented for each school in the school district a School Accountability Report Card.

- (a) The School Accountability Report Card shall include, but 15 is not limited to, the conditions listed in Education Code Section
 - (b) The Governing Board of each school district shall annually issue a School Accountability Report Card for each school in the school district, publicize such these reports, and notify parents or guardians of students that a copy will be provided upon request.
 - SEC. 19. Section 35517 is added to the Education Code, to read:
 - "Uninhabited territory" means territory where fewer than 12 persons who are registered to vote for at least 54 days reside at the time of the filing of a petition or resolution for a change in school district boundaries.
 - SEC. 20. Section 35534 of the Education Code is amended to read:
 - 35534. Except as provided in Sections 35535 and 35536 and subject to compliance with Section 54900 of the Government Code, any action to reorganize a school district shall be effective for all purposes on July 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the action is completed.
- 34 SEC. 21. Section 35555 of the Education Code is amended to 35 read:
- 35555. The reorganization of any school district or districts 36 37 shall not affect the classification of certificated employees already employed by any school district affected. These employees shall have the same status with respect to their classification by the district, including time served as probationary employees of the

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district, after the reorganization as they had prior to it. If a reorganization results in the school or other place in which an employee is employed being maintained by another district, the employee, if a permanent employee of the district which formerly maintained such the school or other place of employment, shall be employed as a permanent employee of the district which thereafter maintains the school or other place of employment, unless the employee elects prior to February 1 of the year in which the action will become effective for all purposes to continue in the employ of the first district.

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If the employee is a probationary employee of the district which formerly maintained the school or other place of employment, he or she shall be employed by the district which thereafter maintains the school or other place of employment, unless the probationary employee is terminated by the district pursuant to Section 44929.21, 44948, or 44955, and, if not so terminated, his or her status with respect to classification by the district shall be the same as it would have been had the school or other place of employment continued to be maintained by the district which formerly maintained it. As used in this paragraph, "the school or other place in which an employee is employed" and all references thereto, includes, but is not limited to, the school services or school program which, as a result of any reorganization of a school district, will be provided by another district, regardless of whether any particular building or buildings in which the schoolwork or school program was conducted is physically located in the new district and regardless of whether any new district resulting from a reorganization elects to provide for the education of its pupils by contracting with another school district until the new district constructs its own facilities.

SEC. 22. Section 35566 of the Education Code is amended to read:

35566. Notwithstanding any provisions of this article, exchanges of property tax revenues between school districts as a result of reorganization, in which at least one of the school districts is a basic aid school district, shall be determined pursuant to subdivision (i) of Section 99 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

SEC. 23. Section 35710 of the Education Code is amended to read:

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35710. (a) For all other petitions to transfer territory, if the county committee finds that the conditions enumerated in paragraphs (1) to (10), inclusive, of subdivision (a) of Section 35753 are substantially met, the county committee may approve the petition and, if approved, shall so notify the county superintendent of schools who shall call an election in the territory of the districts as determined by the county committee, to be conducted at the next regular election in the manner described in either Part 4 (commencing with Section 5000) of this code or Division 4 (commencing with Section 4000) of the Elections Code.

- 12 (b) This section does not apply to a petition to transfer 13 uninhabited territory.
 - SEC. 24. Section 35710.1 is added to the Education Code, to read:
 - 35710.1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an election may not be called if the election area, as determined pursuant to Section 35732, is uninhabited territory as defined in Section 35517. The only manner of approving and granting a petition to transfer uninhabited territory is the manner set forth in Section 35709.
 - SEC. 25. Section 35722 of the Education Code is amended to read:
 - 35722. Following the public hearing, or last public hearing, required by Section 35720.5 or subdivision (c) of Section 35721, the county committee may adopt a final recommendation for unification or other reorganization and shall transmit that recommendation together with the petition filed under subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 35721 or the resolution filed under subdivision (c) of Section 35721, if any, to the State Board of Education for hearing as provided in Article 4 (commencing with Section 35750); or shall transmit the petition to the State Board of Education and order the reorganization granted if the requirements of Section 35709 are satisfied; or shall transmit the petition to the State Board of Education and order that an election be held if the requirements of Section 35710 are satisfied.
- requirements of Section 35710 are satisfied.
 SEC. 26. Section 35735.3 of the Education Code is repealed.
- 38 SEC. 27. Section 35738 of the Education Code is amended to read:

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35738. Plans and recommendations may include a method of dividing the bonded indebtedness other than the method specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 35576 for the purpose of providing greater equity in the division. Consideration may be given to assessed valuation, number of pupils, property values, and other matters which the petitioners or county committee deems pertinent.

- SEC. 28. Section 35753 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 35753. (a) The State Board of Education may approve proposals for the reorganization of districts, if the board has determined, with respect to the proposal and the resulting districts, that all of the following conditions are substantially met:
- (1) The reorganized districts will be adequate in terms of number of pupils enrolled.
- (2) The districts are each organized on the basis of a substantial community identity.
- (3) The proposal will result in an equitable division of property and facilities of the original district or districts.
- (4) The reorganization of the districts will promote or preserve racial or ethnic integration.
- (5) Any increase in costs to the state that are a result of the proposed reorganization will be insignificant and otherwise incidental to the reorganization.
- (6) The proposed reorganization will not significantly disrupt the educational programs in the proposed districts and districts affected by the proposed reorganization and will continue to promote sound education performance in those districts.
- (7) Any increase in school facilities costs that are a result of the proposed reorganization will be insignificant and otherwise incidental to the reorganization.
- (8) The proposed reorganization is primarily designed for purposes other than to significantly increase property values.
- (9) The proposed reorganization will continue to promote sound fiscal management and will not cause a substantial negative effect on the fiscal status of the proposed district or any existing district affected by the proposed reorganization.
- 38 (10) Any other criteria as the board may, by regulation, 39 prescribe.

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 (b) The State Board of Education may approve a proposal for the reorganization of school districts if the board determines that it is not practical or possible to apply the criteria of this section literally, and that the circumstances with respect to the proposals provide an exceptional situation sufficient to justify approval of the proposals.

SEC. 29. Section 35756 of the Education Code is amended to read:

35756. The county superintendent of schools, within 35 days after receiving the notification provided by Section 35755, shall call an election, in the manner prescribed in Part 4 (commencing with Section 5000) of this code or Division 4 (commencing with Section 4000) of the Elections Code, to be conducted at the next available regular election, in the territory of districts as determined by the State Board of Education.

SEC. 30. Section 35765 of the Education Code is amended to read:

35765. After the board of supervisors receives a proper certificate of election or other proper evidence that an action to organize or reorganize school districts has been approved as provided by law, the board of supervisors shall make an order to create, change, or terminate school districts as may be required by the action and establish or reestablish the boundaries of the districts affected by the action. The order shall be entered in the county's record of school districts.

If the action results in the creation of a district or a change of district boundaries of the type described in Section 54900 of the Government Code, the order of the board of supervisors shall include the legal description of each district created or changed in the action and, immediately after making the order, the board of supervisors shall cause a copy of the order, the statement prepared pursuant to Section 54900 of the Government Code, and a map or plat indicating the boundaries established or reestablished for each district affected by the order to be filed as required by Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 54900) of Part 1 of Division 2, Title 5 of the Government Code and shall submit a copy of the statement prepared pursuant to Section 54900 of the Government Code and the map or plat to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the county superintendent of schools of the county in which the district is located.

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SEC. 31. Section 39831.5 of the Education Code is amended to read:

- 39831.5. (a) All pupils in prekindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, in public or private school who are transported in a schoolbus or school pupil activity bus shall receive instruction in schoolbus emergency procedures and passenger safety. The county superintendent of schools, superintendent of the school district, or owner/operator of a private school, as applicable, shall ensure that the instruction is provided as follows:
- (1) Upon registration, the parents or guardians of all pupils not previously transported in a schoolbus or school pupil activity bus and who are in prekindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 6, inclusive, shall be provided with written information on schoolbus safety. The information shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:
 - (A) A list of schoolbus stops near each pupil's home.
 - (B) General rules of conduct at schoolbus loading zones.
- (C) Red light crossing instructions.
- (D) Schoolbus danger zone.

- (E) Walking to and from schoolbus stops.
- (2) At least once in each school year, all pupils in prekindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 8, inclusive, who receive home-to-school transportation shall receive safety instruction that includes, but is not limited to, proper loading and unloading procedures, including escorting by the driver, how to safely cross the street, highway, or private road, instruction on the use of passenger restraint systems, as described in paragraph (3), proper passenger conduct, bus evacuation, and location of emergency equipment. Instruction also may include responsibilities of passengers seated next to an emergency exit. As part of the instruction, pupils shall evacuate the schoolbus through emergency exit doors.
- (3) Instruction on the use of passenger restraint systems, when a passenger restraint system is installed, shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:
- 36 (A) Proper fastening and release of the passenger restraint system.
- 38 (B) Acceptable placement of passenger restraint systems on pupils.

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1 (C) Times at which the passenger restraint systems should be fastened and released.

- (D) Acceptable placement of the passenger restraint systems when not in use.
- (4) Prior to departure on a school activity trip, all pupils riding on a schoolbus or school pupil activity bus shall receive safety instruction that includes, but is not limited to, location of emergency exits, and location and use of emergency equipment. Instruction also may include responsibilities of passengers seated next to an emergency exit.
- (b) The following information shall be documented each time the instruction required by paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) is given:
- (1) Name of school district, county office of education, or private school.
 - (2) Name and location of school.
 - (3) Date of instruction.
- 18 (4) Names of supervising adults.
 - (5) Number of pupils participating.
- 20 (6) Grade levels of pupils.
- 21 (7) Subjects covered in instruction.
 - (8) Amount of time taken for instruction.
- 23 (9) Bus driver's name.
 - (10) Bus number.
- 25 (11) Additional remarks.

The information recorded pursuant to this subdivision shall remain on file at the district or county office, or at the school, for one year from the date of the instruction, and shall be subject to inspection by the Department of the California Highway Patrol.

SEC. 32. Section 41344 of the Education Code is amended to read:

41344. (a) If, as the result of an audit or review, a local educational agency is required to repay an apportionment significant audit exception, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of Finance, or their designees, shall jointly establish a plan for repayment of state school funds that the local educational agency received on the basis of average daily attendance, or other data, that did not comply with statutory or regulatory requirements that were conditions of the apportionments. A local educational agency must request a

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repayment plan within 90 days of receiving the final audit report or review, within 30 days of receiving a final determination regarding an appeal pursuant to subdivision (d), or, in the absence of an appeal pursuant to subdivision (d), within 30 days of receiving a determination of a summary review pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 41344.1. At the time the local educational agency is notified, the Controller shall also be notified of the repayment plan. The repayment plan shall be established in accordance with the following:

- (1) The Controller shall withhold the disallowed amount at the next principal apportionment or pursuant to paragraph (2), unless subdivision (d) or subdivision (d) of Section 41344.1 applies, in which case the disallowed amount shall be withheld, at the next principal apportionment or pursuant to paragraph (2) following the determination regarding the appeal or summary appeal. In calculating the disallowed amount, the Controller shall determine the total amount of overpayment received by the local educational agency on the basis of average daily attendance, or other data, reported by the local educational agency that did not comply with one or more statutory or regulatory requirements that are conditions of apportionment.
- (2) If the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of the Department of Finance concur that repayment of the full liability in the current fiscal year would constitute a severe financial hardship for the local agency, they may approve a repayment plan of equal annual payments over a period of up to eight years. The repayment plan shall include interest on each year's outstanding balance at the rate earned on the state's short-term pooled investment fund during that year. The Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of the Department of Finance shall jointly establish this repayment plan. The Controller shall withhold amounts pursuant to the repayment plan.
- (3) If the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of the Department of Finance do not jointly establish a repayment plan, the State Controller shall withhold the entire disallowed amount determined pursuant to paragraph (1) at the next principal apportionment.
- (b) (1) For purposes of computing average daily attendance pursuant to Section 42238.5, a local educational agency's prior

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39 40 fiscal year average daily attendance shall be reduced by an amount equal to any average daily attendance disallowed in the current year, by an audit or review, as defined in subdivision (e).

- (2) Commencing with the 1999–2000 fiscal year, this subdivision may not result in a local educational agency repaying more than the value of the average daily attendance disallowed in the audit exception plus interest and other penalties or reductions in apportionments as provided by existing law.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this section may not be waived under any authority set forth in this code except as provided in this section or Section 41344.1.
- (d) Within 60 days of the date on which a local educational agency receives a final audit report resulting from an audit or review or within 30 days of receiving a determination of a summary review pursuant to subdivision (d) Section 41344.1, a local educational agency may appeal a finding contained in the final report, pursuant to Section 41344.1. Within 90 days of the date on which the appeal is received by the panel, a hearing shall be held at which the local educational agency may present evidence or arguments if the local educational agency believes that the final report contains any finding that was based on errors of fact or interpretation of law. A repayment schedule may not commence until the panel reaches a determination regarding the appeal. If the panel determines that the local educational agency is correct in its assertion, in whole or in part, the allowable portion of any apportionment payment that was withheld shall be paid at the next principal apportionment.
- (e) As used in this section, "audit or review" means an audit conducted by the Controller's office, an annual audit conducted by a certified public accountant or a public accountant firm pursuant to Section 41020, and an audit or review conducted by a governmental agency that provided the local education agency with an opportunity to provide a written response.
- SEC. 33. Section 41402 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 41402. For the purposes of this article, the maximum ratios of administrative employees to each 100 teachers in the various types of school districts shall be as follows:
 - (a) In elementary school districts—9.
 - (b) In unified school districts—8.

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(c) In high school districts—7.

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This section does not apply to a school district which has only one administrator.

- SEC. 34. Section 41403 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 41403. (a) For purposes of determining compliance with Section 41402, a school district shall determine, for each current fiscal year, to two decimal points, the following:
- (1) The total number of administrative employees, except those 10 serving in positions that are supported by categorical grants from any source and are in programs that require specific teacher/administrator ratios, or that are supported by federal funds. As to those serving in positions that are not supported completely by these categorical grants from any source or completely by federal funds, the number of employees reported shall include the full-time equivalent of all fractional time attributable to that time not supported by categorical grants or federal funds.
 - (2) The total number of teachers except those serving in positions that are supported by federal funds or by categorical grants from any source and are in programs that require specific teacher/administrator ratios. As to those serving in positions that are not supported completely by these categorical grants from any source or completely by federal funds, the number of employees reported shall include the full-time equivalent of all fractional time attributable to that time not supported by categorical grants or federal funds. Substitute teachers may be counted as teachers only if the employee for whom they are substituting is not counted. In no event shall the number of full-time equivalent teachers reported be greater than the number of full-time equivalent teaching positions in the district.
 - (3) The total maximum number of administrative employees that should be employed by the district based upon the application of the appropriate ratio prescribed by Section 41402 to the number of teachers determined pursuant to paragraph (2).
 - (4) The difference between the number of administrative employees should be employed by the district pursuant to paragraph (3) and the total number of administrative employees pursuant to paragraph (1).

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(b) A district is in compliance with Section 41402 if the difference determined pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) is negative, or less that a positive 0.50.

- (c) The number of employees pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) of subdivision (a) shall include the full-time equivalent of all fractional time of those employees.
- (d) For purposes of determining the compliance in the San Diego City School District, the number of employees and the full-time equivalent of all of the fractional time of employees serving the district in positions mandated as the result of the district's court-ordered integration plan is excluded from the numbers identified pursuant to subdivision (a).

An individual may not be counted as more than one full-time equivalent employee unless the individual is employed on a part-time basis in adult education, driver education, or vocational education, or any part-time or additional teaching assignment, in addition to his or her regular full-time assignment.

- 18 SEC. 35. Section 41404 of the Education Code is repealed.
- 19 SEC. 36. Section 41406 of the Education Code is repealed.
- 20 SEC. 37. Section 41407 of the Education Code is repealed.
 - SEC. 38. Section 41975 of the Education Code is amended to read:
 - 41975. Apportionments and allowances to a school district from Section A of the State School Fund in a fiscal year may not be less than the product of one hundred twenty dollars (\$120) multiplied by the average daily attendance of the district in the preceding fiscal year, or two thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,400), whichever is greater.
- SEC. 39. Section 42238 of the Education Code is amended to 30 read:
 - 42238. (a) For the 1984–85 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, the county superintendent of schools shall determine a revenue limit for each school district in the county pursuant to this section.
 - (b) The base revenue limit for the current fiscal year shall be determined by adding to the base revenue limit for the prior fiscal year the following amounts:
 - (1) The inflation adjustment specified in Section 42238.1.
- 39 (2) For the 1995–96 fiscal year, the equalization adjustment specified in Section 42238.4.

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(3) For the 1996–97 fiscal year, the equalization adjustments specified in Sections 42238.41, 42238.42, and 42238.43.

- (4) For the 1985–86 fiscal year, the amount received per unit of average daily attendance in the 1984–85 fiscal year pursuant to Section 42238.7.
- (5) For the 1985–86, 1986–87, and 1987–88 fiscal years, the amount per unit of average daily attendance received in the prior fiscal year pursuant to Section 42238.8.
- (6) For the 2003–04 fiscal year, the equalization adjustments specified in Sections 42238.44 and 42238.46.
- (c) Except for districts subject to subdivision (d), the base revenue limit computed pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be multiplied by the district average daily attendance computed pursuant to Section 42238.5.
- (d) (1) For districts for which the number of units of average daily attendance determined pursuant to Section 42238.5 is greater for the current fiscal year than for the 1982–83 fiscal year, compute the following amount, in lieu of the amount computed pursuant to subdivision (c):
- (A) Multiply the base revenue limit computed pursuant to subdivision (c) by the average daily attendance computed pursuant to Section 42238.5 for the 1982–83 fiscal year.
- (B) Multiply the lesser of the amount in subdivision (c) or 1.05 times the statewide average base revenue limit per unit of average daily attendance for districts of similar type for the current fiscal year by the difference between the average daily attendance computed pursuant to Section 42238.5 for the current and 1982–83 fiscal years.
 - (C) Add the amounts in subparagraphs (A) and (B).
 - (2) This subdivision shall become inoperative on July 1, 1998.
- (e) For districts electing to compute units of average daily attendance pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 42238.5, the amount computed pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 42280) shall be added to the amount computed in subdivision (c) or (d), as appropriate.
- (f) For the 1984–85 fiscal year only, the county superintendent shall reduce the total revenue limit computed in this section by the amount of the decreased employer contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement System resulting from enactment of Chapter 330 of the Statutes of 1982, offset by any increase in those

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contributions, as of the 1983–84 fiscal year, resulting from subsequent changes in employer contribution rates.

- (g) The reduction required by subdivision (f) shall be calculated as follows:
- (1) Determine the amount of employer contributions that would have been made in the 1983–84 fiscal year if the applicable Public Employees' Retirement System employer contribution rate in effect immediately prior to the enactment of Chapter 330 of the Statutes of 1982 were in effect during the 1983–84 fiscal year.
- (2) Subtract from the amount determined in paragraph (1) the greater of subparagraph (A) or (B):
- (A) The amount of employer contributions that would have been made in the 1983–84 fiscal year if the applicable Public Employees' Retirement System employer contribution rate in effect immediately after the enactment of Chapter 330 of the Statutes of 1982 were in effect during the 1983–84 fiscal year.
- (B) The actual amount of employer contributions made to the Public Employees' Retirement System in the 1983–84 fiscal year.
- (3) For purposes of this subdivision, employer contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement System for any of the following shall be excluded from the calculation specified above:
- (A) Positions supported totally by federal funds that were subject to supplanting restrictions.
- (B) Positions supported by funds received pursuant to Section 42243.6.
- (C) Positions supported, to the extent of employer contributions not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) by any single educational agency, from a revenue source determined on the basis of equity to be properly excludable from the provisions of this subdivision by the Superintendent of Public Instruction with the approval of the Director of Finance.
- (4) For accounting purposes, the reduction made by this subdivision may be reflected as an expenditure from appropriate sources of revenue as directed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- (h) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall apportion to each school district the amount determined in this section less the sum of:
- 39 (1) The district's property tax revenue received pursuant to 40 Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 75) and Chapter 6

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1 (commencing with Section 95) of Part 0.5 of the Revenue and 2 Taxation Code.

- (2) The amount, if any, received pursuant to Part 18.5 (commencing with Section 38101) of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
- (3) The amount, if any, received pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 16140) of the Government Code.
 - (4) Prior years' taxes and taxes on the unsecured roll.
- (5) Fifty percent of the amount received pursuant to Section 41603.
- (6) The amount of motor vehicle license fees distributed pursuant to Section 11003.4 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
- (7) The amount, if any, received pursuant to any provision of the Community Redevelopment Law (Part 1 (commencing with Section 33000) of Division 24 of the Health and Safety Code), except for any amount received pursuant to Section 33401 or 33676 of the Health and Safety Code that is used for land acquisition, facility construction, reconstruction, or remodeling, or deferred maintenance, except for any amount received pursuant to Section 33492.15, paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 33607.5, or Section 33607.7 of the Health and Safety Code that is allocated exclusively for educational facilities.
- (8) For a unified school district, other than a unified school district that has converted all of its schools to charter status pursuant to Section 47606, the amount of statewide average general-purpose funding per unit of average daily attendance received by school districts for each of four grade level ranges, as computed by the State Department of Education pursuant to Section 47633, multiplied by the average daily attendance, in corresponding grade level ranges, of any pupils who attend charter schools funded pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 47630) of Part 26.8 for which the district is the sponsoring local educational agency, as defined in Section 47632, and who reside in and would otherwise have been eligible to attend a noncharter school of the district.
- (i) (1) The transfer of seventh and eighth grade pupils between an elementary school district and a high school district may not result in the receiving district receiving a revenue limit apportionment for those pupils that exceeds 105 percent of the

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statewide average revenue limit for the type and size of the receiving school district.

- (2) The transfer of seventh and eighth grade pupils between an elementary school district and a high school district triggers the recomputation, pursuant to Section 35735.1 of the base revenue limit per unit of average daily attendance of the district receiving the seventh and eighth grade pupils, except that the computations described in paragraphs (2) and (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 35735.1 do not apply to a recomputation performed pursuant to this paragraph.
- SEC. 40. Section 42239.15 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 42239.15. (a) For the 2000–01 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, each school district and charter school is eligible for reimbursement for hours of pupil attendance claimed for intensive algebra instruction academies offered pursuant to Chapter 18 (commencing with Section 53091) of Part 28 in an amount up to 6 percent of the total enrollment in grades 7 and 8 of the school district or charter school for the prior fiscal year multiplied by 120 hours, multiplied by the hourly rate for the current fiscal year determined pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 42239. This amount shall be provided in addition to the amount provided pursuant to Section 42239.
- (b) Commencing with the 2002-03 fiscal year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall allocate a minimum of seven thousand four hundred and six dollars (\$7,406) for supplemental summer school programs established pursuant to Chapter 18 (commencing with Section 53091) of Part 28 from funds appropriated therefor in each school district for which the prior fiscal year enrollment was less than 333 pupils and that offered at least 1,500 hours of supplemental summer school instruction. A school district for which the prior fiscal year enrollment was less than 333 pupils that offered less than 1,500 hours of supplemental summer school offerings shall receive a proportionately reduced allocation.
- (c) Minimum allocations for supplemental summer school programs required pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be adjusted for inflation in the 2003–04 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, in accordance with Section 42238.1.

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(d) When expending funds received pursuant to this section, a school district shall give first priority for the purpose specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 53092.

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SEC. 41. Section 44505 of the Education Code is amended to read:

- 44505. (a) Between July 1, 1999, and June 30, 2000, a school district may notify the Superintendent of Public Instruction that it plans to implement, commencing July 1, 2000, a Peer Assistance and Review Program for Teachers pursuant to this article. Upon receipt of the notification by the school district, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall apportion to the school district two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$2,800) or an amount equal to the number of mentor teachers that the state calculated the school district is entitled to in the 1999–2000 fiscal year pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 44490) multiplied by two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$2,800), whichever is greater.
- (b) A school district that notifies the Superintendent of Public Instruction that it plans to implement a Peer Assistance and Review Program for Teachers by July 1, 2000, pursuant to subdivision (a), shall certify to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that it has implemented a program by August 1, 2000. In addition to the certification, the Superintendent of Public Instruction may request a copy of the signature page of the collective bargaining agreement implementing the program required pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 44503. A school district that fails to provide the required certification is not eligible to receive an apportionment for the Peer Assistance and Review Program for Teachers pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section or subdivision (a) of Section 44498 in the 2000–01 school year, or in any year thereafter. The school district, however, may be eligible to receive an apportionment for the Peer Assistance and Review Program for Teachers pursuant to subdivision (c) of this section and subdivision (a) of Section 44498 in the 2000–01 school year, and in each year thereafter, if the school district complies with the requirements set forth in subdivisions (c) and (d).
- (c) Between July 1, 2000, and May 31, 2001, a school district may notify the Superintendent of Public Instruction that it plans to implement, commencing July 1, 2001, a Peer Assistance and Review Program for Teachers pursuant to this article. On or before June 29, 2001, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall

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apportion to every school district that provides this notification an amount equal to the number of mentor teachers that the state calculated the school district is entitled to in the 1999–2000 school year pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 44490) times a maximum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Any school district that provides this notification shall receive at least the amount that would be received pursuant to this section by a school district with one state funded mentor in the 2000–01 school year pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 44490).

- (d) A school district that notifies the Superintendent of Public Instruction that it plans to implement a Peer Assistance and Review Program for Teachers by July 1, 2001, pursuant to subdivision (c), shall certify to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that it has implemented a program by July 1, 2001. In addition to the certification, the Superintendent of Public Instruction may request a copy of the signature page of the collective bargaining agreement implementing the program required pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 44503. A school district that fails to provide the required certification is not eligible for any apportionment for the Peer Assistance and Review Program received pursuant to subdivision (c) of this section, and subdivision (a) of Section 44498 in the 2001–02 school year, or in any year thereafter.
- (e) The funding provided pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (c) of this section and subdivision (a) of Section 44498 shall be provided to eligible school districts in each year that the school operates a Peer Assistance and Review Program for Teachers.
- (f) The maximum amount of funds available for apportionment to school districts by the Superintendent of Public Instruction for allocation pursuant to subdivision (c) shall be the amount appropriated pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 6 of the act adding this section, minus any funds apportioned by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to school districts pursuant to subdivision (a) as of June 30, 2000.
- (g) A school district may use funds apportioned pursuant to this section for activities necessary to implement the Peer Assistance and Review Program for Teachers.
- 38 SEC. 42. Section 45037 of the Education Code is amended to read:

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45037. (a) Except as provided in Section 45036, for the fiscal year 2001–02 and for any fiscal year thereafter in which a person renders service as a teacher in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, who does not have a valid certification document, the school district or county office of education in which the person is employed shall be assessed a penalty that shall be in lieu of any loss of funding that would otherwise result under Chapter 6.10 (commencing with Section 52120) of Part 28. The penalty shall be calculated as provided in subdivision (b) and withheld from state funding otherwise due to the district or county office of education.

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- (1) Notwithstanding Section 46300, the attendance of the noncertificated person's pupils during the period of service shall be included in the computation of average daily attendance.
- (2) The noncertificated person's period of service shall not be excluded from the determination of eligibility for incentive funding for a longer instructional day or year, or both, pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 46200) of Chapter 2 of Part
- (b) (1) For each person who rendered service in the employment of the district or county office of education as a teacher in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, during the fiscal year, add the total number of schooldays on which the person rendered any amount of the service.
- (2) For each person who rendered service in the employment of the district or county office of education as a teacher in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, during the fiscal year, for a period of service during which the person did not have a valid certification document, add the number of schooldays on which the person rendered any amount of the service without a valid certification document.
- (3) Divide the number determined in paragraph (2) by the number determined in paragraph (1) and carry the result to four decimal places.
- (4) Multiply a school district's revenue limit entitlement for the 36 fiscal year, calculated pursuant to Section 42238, or it's funding amount calculated pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 42280) of Chapter 7 of Part 24, as applicable, or a county office of education's funding for the fiscal year, for the program

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in which the noncertificated person rendered service by the number determined in paragraph (3).

- (c) Beginning in 2002–03, if a county office of education releases a warrant in favor of a person for whom a period of school district service is included in the calculation set forth in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b), the county office shall be assessed a penalty. The penalty assessed to a county office for any fiscal year in which one or more district teachers did not have a valid certification document shall be equal to the lesser of three amounts as follows:
- (1) Fifty percent of all penalties assessed for that fiscal year to all school districts in the county office's jurisdiction pursuant to subdivision (b).
- (2) One-half percent of the total expenditures for that fiscal year form unrestricted resources, as defined in the California School Accounting Manual, in the county office's county school service fund, when two or fewer districts in the county office's jurisdiction are subject penalties pursuant to subdivision (b).
- (3) One percent of the total expenditures for that fiscal year from unrestricted resources, as defined in the California School Accounting Manual, in the county office's county school service fund, when three or more districts in the county office's jurisdiction are subject penalties pursuant to subdivision (b).
- 23 (d) Nothing in this section may be waived in whole or in any part.
 - SEC. 43. Section 45357 of the Education Code is repealed.
 - SEC. 44. Section 45358 of the Education Code is repealed.
 - SEC. 45. Section 46201 of the Education Code is amended to read:
 - 46201. (a) In each of the 1984–85, 1985–86, and 1986–87 fiscal years, for each school district that certifies to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that it offers at least the amount of instructional time specified in this subdivision at a grade level or levels, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall determine an amount equal to twenty dollars (\$20) per unit of current year second principal apportionment regular average daily attendance in kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive, and forty dollars (\$40) per unit of current year second principal apportionment regular average daily attendance in grades 9 to 12, inclusive. This section shall not apply to adult average daily attendance, the average daily attendance for pupils attending

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summer schools, alternative schools, regional occupational centers and programs, continuation high schools, or opportunity schools, and the attendance of pupils while participating in community college or independent study programs.

- (1) In the 1984–85 fiscal year, for kindergarten and each of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, the sum of subparagraphs (A) and (B):
- (A) The number of instructional minutes offered at that grade level in the 1982–83 fiscal year.
- (B) One-third of the difference between the number of minutes specified for that grade level in paragraph (3) and the number of instructional minutes offered at that grade level in the 1982–83 fiscal year.
- (2) In the 1985–86 fiscal year, for kindergarten and each of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, the sum of subparagraphs (A) and (B):
- (A) The number of instructional minutes offered at that grade level in the 1982–83 fiscal year.
- (B) Two-thirds of the difference between the number of minutes specified for that grade level in paragraph (3) and the number of instructional minutes offered at that grade level in the 1982–83 fiscal year.
 - (3) In the 1986–87 fiscal year:

- (A) Thirty-six thousand minutes in kindergarten.
- (B) Fifty thousand four hundred minutes in grades 1 to 3, inclusive.
 - (C) Fifty-four thousand minutes in grades 4 to 8, inclusive.
- (D) Sixty-four thousand eight hundred minutes in grades 9 to 12, inclusive.
- (4) In any fiscal year, each school district that receives an apportionment pursuant to subdivision (a) for average daily attendance in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, shall offer a program of instruction that allows each student to receive at least 24 course years of instruction, or the equivalent, during grades 9 to 12, inclusive.
- (5) For any schoolsite at which programs are operated in more than one of the grade levels enumerated in subparagraph (B) or (C) of paragraph (3), the school district may calculate a weighted average of minutes for those grade levels at that schoolsite for purposes of making the certification authorized by this subdivision.

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(b) (1) If any of the amounts of instructional time specified in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) is a lesser number of minutes for that grade level than actually provided by the district in the same grade in the 1982–83 fiscal year, the 1982–83 fiscal year number of minutes for that grade level, adjusted to comply with Section 46111, shall instead be the requirement for the purposes of paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subdivision (a). Commencing with the 1990–91 fiscal year, and each fiscal year through the 1995–96 fiscal year, any school district subject to this subdivision that does not maintain the number of instructional minutes for a particular grade level that the school district maintained for the 1982-83 fiscal year, adjusted to comply with Section 46111, shall not be subject to paragraphs (1) to (3), inclusive, of subdivision (c) if that school district maintains at least the minimum number of instructional minutes for each grade level set forth in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) in the 1990–91 fiscal year and each fiscal year through the 1994-95 fiscal year or the 1995-96 fiscal year for districts whose instructional minutes were adjusted to comply with Section 46111, and thereafter returns to the number of instructional minutes maintained for each grade level in the 1982–83 fiscal year.

- (2) The Legislature finds and declares that the school districts to which paragraph (1) is applicable have not offered any less instructional time than is required of all other school districts and therefore should not be forced to pay any penalty.
- (c) (1) For any school district that receives an apportionment pursuant to subdivision (a) in the 1984–85 fiscal year and that reduces the amount of instructional time offered below the minimum amounts specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) in the 1985–86 fiscal year or any fiscal year thereafter, up to and including the 2000–01 fiscal year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall reduce the base revenue limit per unit of average daily attendance for the fiscal year in which the reduction occurs by an amount attributable to the increase in the 1985–86 fiscal year base revenue limit per unit of average daily attendance pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (b) of Section 42238, as adjusted in the 1985–86 fiscal year and fiscal years thereafter.
- (2) For each school district that receives an apportionment pursuant to subdivision (a) in the 1985–86 fiscal year and that reduces the amount of instructional time offered below the

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minimum amounts specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) in the 1986–87 fiscal year or any fiscal year thereafter, up to and including the 2000–01 fiscal year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall reduce the base revenue limit per unit of average daily attendance for the fiscal year in which the reduction occurs by an amount attributable to the increase in the 1986–87 fiscal year base revenue limit per unit of average daily attendance pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (b) of Section 42238, as adjusted in the 1986–87 fiscal year and fiscal years thereafter.

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- (3) For each school district that receives an apportionment pursuant to subdivision (a) in the 1986–87 fiscal year and that reduces the amount of instructional time offered below the minimum amounts specified in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) in the 1987–88 fiscal year or any fiscal year thereafter, up to and including the 2000–01 fiscal year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall reduce the base revenue limit per unit of average daily attendance for the fiscal year in which the reduction occurs by an amount attributable to the increase in the 1987–88 fiscal year base revenue limit per unit of average daily attendance pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (b) of Section 42238, as adjusted in the 1987–88 fiscal year and fiscal years thereafter.
- (d) For each school district that receives an apportionment pursuant to subdivision (a) in the 1986–87 fiscal year and that reduces the amount of instructional time offered below the minimum amounts specified in either paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) or paragraph (1) of subdivision (b), whichever is applicable, in the 2001–02 fiscal year, or any fiscal year thereafter, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall withhold from the district's revenue limit apportionment for the average daily attendance of each affected grade level, the sum of that apportionment multiplied by the percentage of the minimum offered minutes at that grade level that the district failed to offer. SEC. 46. Section 46202 of the Education Code is amended to

46202. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, in fiscal year 2000–01 and prior, if a school district that does not participate in the program set forth in this article offers less instructional time than the amount of instructional time fixed for the 1982–83 fiscal year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall, in that fiscal year, reduce that district's apportionment by the

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average percentage increase in the base revenue limit for districts
of similar type and size multiplied by the district's units of average
daily attendance.

- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, in fiscal year 2001–02 and any fiscal year thereafter, if the governing board of a school district offers less instructional time than the amount of instructional time fixed for the 1982–83 fiscal year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall withhold for that fiscal year, from the district's revenue limit apportionment for the average daily attendance of each affected grade level, the sum of that apportionment multiplied by the percentage of instructional minutes fixed in the 1982–83 school year, at that grade level, that the district failed to offer.
- (c) The Glendora Unified School District shall reinstate the sixth period, which shall be equivalent to at least 50 minutes of instruction, effective the start of the second semester of the 1983–84 fiscal year.
- SEC. 47. Section 48209.16 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 48209.16. This article shall become inoperative on July 1, 2008, and, as of January 1, 2009, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which becomes effective on or before January 1, 2009, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.
- SEC. 48. Section 48209.17 of the Education Code is repealed. SEC. 49. Section 48916 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 48916. (a) An expulsion order shall remain in effect until the governing board, in the manner prescribed in this article, orders the readmission of a pupil. At the time an expulsion of a pupil is ordered for an act other than those described in subdivision (c) of Section 48915, the governing board shall set a date, not later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred, when the pupil shall be reviewed for readmission to a school maintained by the district or to the school the pupil last attended. For a pupil who has been expelled pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 48915, the governing board shall set a date of one year from the date the expulsion occurred, when the pupil shall be reviewed for readmission to a school maintained by the district, except that the governing board may set an earlier date

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for readmission on a case-by-case basis. If an expulsion is ordered during summer session or the intercession period of a year-round program, the governing board shall set a date, not later than the last day of the semester following the summer session or intersession period during which the expulsion was ordered, when the pupil shall be reviewed for readmission to a school maintained by the district or to the school the pupil last attended.

- (b) The governing board shall recommend a plan of rehabilitation for the pupil at the time of the expulsion order, which may include, but not be limited to, periodic review as well as assessment at the time of review for readmission. The plan may also include recommendations for improved academic performance, tutoring, special education assessments, job training, counseling, employment, community service, or other rehabilitative programs.
- (c) The governing board of each school district shall adopt rules and regulations establishing a procedure for the filing and processing of requests for readmission and the process for the required review of all expelled pupils for readmission. Upon completion of the readmission process, the governing board shall readmit the pupil, unless the governing board makes a finding that the pupil has not met the conditions of the rehabilitation plan or continues to pose a danger to campus safety or to other pupils or employees of the school district. A description of the procedure shall be made available to the pupil and the pupil's parent or guardian at the time the expulsion order is entered.
- (d) If the governing board denies the readmission of an expelled pupil pursuant to subdivision (c), the governing board shall make a determination either to continue the placement of the pupil in the alternative educational program initially selected for the pupil during the period of the expulsion order or to place the pupil in another program that may include, but need not be limited to, serving expelled pupils, including placement in a county community school.
- (e) The governing board shall provide written notice to the expelled pupil and the pupil's parent or guardian describing the reasons for denying the pupil readmittance into the regular school district program. The written notice shall also include the determination of the educational program for the expelled pupil pursuant to subdivision (d). The expelled pupil shall enroll in that

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educational program unless the parent or guardian of the pupil elects to enroll the pupil in another school district.

SEC. 50. Section 48918 of the Education Code is amended to read:

48918. The governing board of each school district shall establish rules and regulations governing procedures for the expulsion of pupils. These procedures shall include, but are not necessarily limited to, all of the following:

(a) The pupil shall be entitled to a hearing to determine whether the pupil should be expelled. An expulsion hearing shall be held within 30 schooldays after the date the principal or the superintendent of schools determines that the pupil has committed any of the acts enumerated in Section 48900, unless the pupil requests, in writing, that the hearing be postponed. The adopted rules and regulations shall specify that the pupil is entitled to at least one postponement of an expulsion hearing, for a period of not more than 30 calendar days. Any additional postponement may be granted at the discretion of the governing board.

Within 10 schooldays after the conclusion of the hearing, the governing board shall decide whether to expel the pupil, unless the pupil requests in writing that the decision be postponed. If the hearing is held by a hearing officer or an administrative panel, or if the district governing board does not meet on a weekly basis, the governing board shall decide whether to expel the pupil within 40 schooldays after the date of the pupil's removal from his or her school of attendance for the incident for which the recommendation for expulsion is made by the principal or the superintendent, unless the pupil requests in writing that the decision be postponed.

If compliance by the governing board with the time requirements for the conducting of an expulsion hearing under this subdivision is impracticable during the regular school year, the superintendent of schools or the superintendent's designee may, for good cause, extend the time period for the holding of the expulsion hearing for an additional five schooldays. If compliance by the governing board with the time requirements for the conducting of an expulsion hearing under this subdivision is impractical due to a summer recess of governing board meetings of more than two weeks, the days during the recess period shall not be counted as schooldays in meeting the time requirements. The

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days not counted as schooldays in meeting the time requirements for an expulsion hearing because of a summer recess of governing board meetings shall not exceed 20 schooldays, as defined in 4 subdivision (c) of Section 48925, and unless the pupil requests in 5 writing that the expulsion hearing be postponed, the hearing shall 6 be held not later than 20 calendar days prior to the first day of school for the school year. Reasons for the extension of the time for the hearing shall be included as a part of the record at the time 9 the expulsion hearing is conducted. Upon the commencement of 10 the hearing, all matters shall be pursued and conducted with 11 reasonable diligence and shall be concluded without any 12 unnecessary delay.

- (b) Written notice of the hearing shall be forwarded to the pupil at least 10 calendar days prior to the date of the hearing. The notice shall include all of the following:
 - (1) The date and place of the hearing.

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- (2) A statement of the specific facts and charges upon which the proposed expulsion is based.
- (3) A copy of the disciplinary rules of the district that relate to the alleged violation.
- (4) A notice of the parent, guardian, or pupil's obligation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 48915.1.
- (5) Notice of the opportunity for the pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian to appear in person or to be represented by legal counsel or by a nonattorney adviser, to inspect and obtain copies of all documents to be used at the hearing, to confront and question all witnesses who testify at the hearing, to question all other evidence presented, and to present oral and documentary evidence on the pupil's behalf, including witnesses. In a hearing in which a pupil is alleged to have committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault as specified in subdivision (n) of Section 48900 or committing a sexual battery as defined in subdivision (n) of Section 48900, a complaining witness shall be given five days' notice before being called to testify, and shall be entitled to have up to two adult support persons, including, but not limited to, a parent, guardian, or legal counsel, present during their testimony. Before a complaining witness testifies, support persons shall be admonished that the hearing is confidential. Nothing in this subdivision shall preclude the person presiding over an expulsion hearing from removing a support person whom the presiding

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person finds is disrupting the hearing. If one or both of the support persons is also a witness, the provisions of Section 868.5 of the Penal Code shall be followed for the hearing. This section does not require a pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian to be represented by legal counsel or by a nonattorney adviser at the hearing.

- (A) For purposes of this section, "legal counsel" means an attorney or lawyer who is admitted to the practice of law in California and is an active member of the State Bar of California.
- (B) For purposes of this section, "nonattorney advisor" means an individual who is not an attorney or lawyer, but who is familiar with the facts of the case, and has been selected by the pupil or pupil's parent or guardian to provide assistance at the hearing.
- (c) Notwithstanding Section 54593 of the Government Code and Section 35145, the governing board shall conduct a hearing to consider the expulsion of a pupil in a session closed to the public, unless the pupil requests, in writing, at least five days before the date of the hearing, that the hearing be conducted at a public meeting. Regardless of whether the expulsion hearing is conducted in a closed or public session, the governing board may meet in closed session for the purpose of deliberating and determining whether the pupil should be expelled.

If the governing board or the hearing officer or administrative panel appointed under subdivision (d) to conduct the hearing admits any other person to a closed deliberation session, the parent or guardian of the pupil, the pupil, and the counsel of the pupil also shall be allowed to attend the closed deliberations.

If the hearing is to be conducted at a public meeting, and there is a charge of committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault as defined in subdivision (n) of Section 48900 or committing a sexual battery as defined in subdivision (n) of Section 48900, a complaining witness shall have the right to have his or her testimony heard in a session closed to the public when testifying at a public meeting would threaten serious psychological harm to the complaining witness and there are no alternative procedures to avoid the threatened harm, including, but not limited to, videotaped deposition or contemporaneous examination in another place communicated to the hearing room by means of closed-circuit television.

(d) Instead of conducting an expulsion hearing itself, the governing board may contract with the county hearing officer, or

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with the Office of Administrative Hearings of the State of California pursuant to Chapter 14 (commencing with Section 27720) of Part 3 of Division 2 of Title 3 of the Government Code and Section 35207, for a hearing officer to conduct the hearing. The governing board may also appoint an impartial administrative panel of three or more certificated persons, none of whom is a member of the board or employed on the staff of the school in which the pupil is enrolled. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with all of the procedures established under this section.

- (e) Within three schooldays after the hearing, the hearing officer or administrative panel shall determine whether to recommend the expulsion of the pupil to the governing board. If the hearing officer or administrative panel decides not to recommend expulsion, the expulsion proceedings shall be terminated and the pupil immediately shall be reinstated and permitted to return to a classroom instructional program, any other instructional program, a rehabilitation program, or any combination of these programs. Placement in one or more of these programs shall be made by the superintendent of schools or the superintendent's designee after consultation with school district personnel, including the pupil's teachers, and the pupil's parent or guardian. The decision not to recommend expulsion shall be final.
- (f) If the hearing officer or administrative panel recommends expulsion, findings of fact in support of the recommendation shall be prepared and submitted to the governing board. All findings of fact and recommendations shall be based solely on the evidence adduced at the hearing. If the governing board accepts the recommendation calling for expulsion, acceptance shall be based either upon a review of the findings of fact and recommendations submitted by the hearing officer or panel or upon the results of any supplementary hearing conducted pursuant to this section that the governing board may order.

The decision of the governing board to expel a pupil shall be based upon substantial evidence relevant to the charges adduced at the expulsion hearing or hearings. Except as provided in this section, no evidence to expel shall be based solely upon hearsay evidence. The governing board or the hearing officer or administrative panel may, upon a finding that good cause exists, determine that the disclosure of either the identity of a witness or

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the testimony of that witness at the hearing, or both, would subject the witness to an unreasonable risk of psychological or physical harm. Upon this determination, the testimony of the witness may be presented at the hearing in the form of sworn declarations which shall be examined only by the governing board or the hearing officer or administrative panel. Copies of these sworn declarations, edited to delete the name and identity of the witness, shall be made available to the pupil.

- (g) A record of the hearing shall be made. The record may be maintained by any means, including electronic recording, so long as a reasonably accurate and complete written transcription of the proceedings can be made.
- (h) Technical rules of evidence shall not apply to the hearing, but relevant evidence may be admitted and given probative effect only if it is the kind of evidence upon which reasonable persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious affairs. A decision of the governing board to expel shall be supported by substantial evidence showing that the pupil committed any of the acts enumerated in Section 48900.

In hearings which include an allegation of committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault as defined in subdivision (n) of Section 48900 or committing a sexual battery as defined in subdivision (n) of Section 48900, evidence of specific instances, of a complaining witness' prior sexual conduct is to be presumed inadmissible and shall not be heard absent a determination by the person conducting the hearing that extraordinary circumstances exist requiring the evidence be heard. Before the person conducting the hearing makes the determination on whether extraordinary circumstances exist requiring that specific instances of a complaining witness' prior sexual conduct be heard, the complaining witness shall be provided notice and an opportunity to present opposition to the introduction of the evidence. In the hearing on the admissibility of the evidence, the complaining witness shall be entitled to be represented by a parent, guardian, legal counsel, or other support person. Reputation or opinion evidence regarding the sexual behavior of the complaining witness is not admissible for any purpose.

(i) (1) Before the hearing has commenced, the governing board may issue subpoenas at the request of either the superintendent of schools or the superintendent's designee or the -51 - AB 300

pupil, for the personal appearance of percipient witnesses at the hearing. After the hearing has commenced, the governing board or the hearing officer or administrative panel may, upon request of either the county superintendent of schools or the superintendent's designee or the pupil, issue subpoenas. All subpoenas shall be issued in accordance with Sections 1985, 1985.1, and 1985.2 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Enforcement of subpoenas shall be done in accordance with Section 11455.20 of the Government Code.

- (2) Any objection raised by the superintendent of schools or the superintendent's designee or the pupil to the issuance of subpoenas may be considered by the governing board in closed session, or in open session, if so requested by the pupil before the meeting. Any decision by the governing board in response to an objection to the issuance of subpoenas shall be final and binding.
- (3) If the governing board, hearing officer, or administrative panel determines, in accordance with subdivision (f), that a percipient witness would be subject to an unreasonable risk of harm by testifying at the hearing, a subpoena shall not be issued to compel the personal attendance of that witness at the hearing. However, that witness may be compelled to testify by means of a sworn declaration as provided for in subdivision (f).
- (4) Service of process shall be extended to all parts of the state and shall be served in accordance with Section 1987 of the Code of Civil Procedure. All witnesses appearing pursuant to subpoena, other than the parties or officers or employees of the state or any political subdivision thereof, shall receive fees, and all witnesses appearing pursuant to subpoena, except the parties, shall receive mileage in the same amount and under the same circumstances as prescribed for witnesses in civil actions in a superior court. Fees and mileage shall be paid by the party at whose request the witness is subpoenaed.
- (j) Whether an expulsion hearing is conducted by the governing board or before a hearing officer or administrative panel, final action to expel a pupil shall be taken only by the governing board in a public session. Written notice of any decision to expel or to suspend the enforcement of an expulsion order during a period of probation shall be sent by the superintendent of schools or his or her designee to the pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian and shall be accompanied by all of the following:

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 (1) Notice of the right to appeal the expulsion to the county board of education.

- (2) Notice of the education alternative placement to be provided to the pupil during the time of expulsion.
- (3) Notice of the obligation of the parent, guardian, or pupil under subdivision (b) of Section 48915.1, upon the pupil's enrollment in a new school district, to inform that district of the pupil's expulsion.
- (k) The governing board shall maintain a record of each expulsion, including the cause therefor. Records of expulsions shall be a nonprivileged, disclosable public record.

The expulsion order and the causes therefor shall be recorded in the pupil's mandatory interim record and shall be forwarded to any school in which the pupil subsequently enrolls upon receipt of a request from the admitting school for the pupil's school records.

SEC. 51. Section 48980 of the Education Code is amended to read:

- 48980. (a) At the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term, the governing board of each school district shall notify the parent or guardian of its minor pupils regarding the right or responsibility of the parent or guardian under Sections 35291, 46014, 48205, 48207, 48208, 49403, 49423, 49451, 49472, 51240, and 51550 and Chapter 2.3 (commencing with Section 32255) of Part 19.
- (b) The notification also shall advise the parent or guardian of the availability of individualized instruction as prescribed by Section 48206.3, and of the program prescribed by Article 9 (commencing with Section 49510) of Chapter 9.
- (c) The notification shall also advise the parents and guardians of all pupils attending a school within the district of the schedule of minimum days and pupil-free staff development days, and if any minimum or pupil-free staff development days are scheduled thereafter, the governing board shall notify parents and guardians of the affected pupils as early as possible, but not later than one month before the scheduled minimum or pupil-free day.
- (d) The notification also may advise the parent or guardian of the importance of investing for future college or university education for their children and of considering appropriate investment options including, but not limited to, United States Savings Bonds.

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(e) Commencing with the 2000–01 school year, and each school year thereafter, the notification shall advise the parent or guardian of the pupil that, commencing with the 2003–04 school year, and each school year thereafter, each pupil completing 12th grade will be required to successfully pass the high school exit examination administered pursuant to Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 60850) of Part 33. The notification shall include, at a minimum, the date of the examination, the requirements for passing the examination, and shall inform the parents and guardians regarding the consequences of not passing the examination and shall inform parents and guardians that passing the examination is a condition of graduation.

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- (f) Each school district that elects to provide a fingerprinting program pursuant to Article 10 (commencing with Section 32390) shall inform parents or guardians of the program as specified in Section 32390.
- (g) The notification shall also include a copy of the district's written policy on sexual harassment established pursuant to Section 212.6, as it relates to pupils.
- (h) Commencing July 1, 1998, the notification shall include a copy of the written policy of the school district adopted pursuant to Section 51870.5 regarding access by pupils to Internet and online sites.
- (i) The notification shall advise the parent or guardian of all current statutory attendance options and local attendance options available in the school district. That notification shall include all options for meeting residency requirements for school attendance, programmatic options offered within the local attendance areas, and any special programmatic options available on both an interdistrict and intradistrict basis. That notification shall also include a description of all options, a description of the procedure for application for alternative attendance areas or programs, an application form from the district for requesting a change of attendance, and a description of the appeals process available, if any, for a parent or guardian denied a change of attendance. The notification shall also include an explanation of the current statutory attendance options including, but not limited to, those available under Section 35160.5, Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 46600) of Part 26, subdivision (f) of Section 48204, and Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 48209) of Chapter 2 of Part

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27. The State Department of Education shall produce this portion of the notification and shall distribute it to all school districts.

- (j) It is the intent of the Legislature that the governing board of each school district annually review the enrollment options available to the pupils within their districts and that the school districts strive to make available enrollment options that meet the diverse needs, potential, and interests of California's pupils.
- (k) The notification shall advise the parent or guardian that no pupil may have his or her grade reduced or lose academic credit for any absence or absences excused pursuant to Section 48205 when missed assignments and tests that can reasonably be provided are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time, and shall include the full text of Section 48205.

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- (*l*) The notification shall advise the parent or guardian of the availability of state funds to cover the costs of advanced placement examination fees pursuant to Section 52244.
 - SEC. 52. Section 51882 of the Education Code is repealed.
- SEC. 53. Section 52055.600 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 52055.600. (a) The High Priority Schools Grant Program for Low Performing Schools is hereby established. Participation in this program is voluntary.
- (b) From funds made available for purposes of this article, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall allocate a total of four hundred dollars (\$400) per pupil, but not less that fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), including funds received pursuant to Section 52054.5 or for the Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration Program (Public Law 105-78), to eligible schools for implementation of a school action plan approved pursuant to this article. In the first year of participation, instead of four hundred dollars (\$400) per pupil, a schoolsite may receive a total of thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$33.33) per pupil for each month remaining in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, beginning in the month immediately following the date of approval by the State Board of Education of the action plan required pursuant to this article. If the plan is not approved prior to the end of the fiscal year, the funding shall be similarly prorated

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(c) It is the intent of the Legislature that federal funding provided pursuant to the Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration Program (P.L. 105-78) supplement, not supplant, funding received pursuant to this article.

- (d) Funds received pursuant to this article may not be used to match funds received pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 52053).
- (e) The school district shall keep fiscal records available for inspection that affirm allocation to schoolsites in accordance with this section and shall allocate resources in a manner that does not delay their use.
- (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a school district receiving funding pursuant to this section in the 2002–03 fiscal year may carry over funds until the end of the 2003-04 fiscal year.
- SEC. 54. Section 52055.640 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 52055.640. (a) As a condition of the receipt of funds for the initial and each subsequent year of funding pursuant to this article and to ensure that the school is progressing towards meeting the goals of each of the essential components of its school action plan, each year the school district shall submit a report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that includes the following:
- (1) The academic improvement of pupils within the participating school as measured by the tests under Section 60640 and the progress made towards achieving English language proficiency as measured by the English language development test administered pursuant to Section 60810.
- (2) The improvement of distribution of experienced teachers holding a valid California teaching credential across the district.
- (3) The availability of instructional materials in core content areas that are aligned with the academic content and performance standards, including textbooks, for each pupil, including English language learners.
- (4) The number of parents and guardians presently involved at each participating schoolsite as compared to the number participating at the beginning of the program.
- 38 (5) The number of pupils attending afterschool, tutoring, or 39 homework assistance programs.

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 (6) For participating secondary schools, the number of pupils who are enrolled in and successfully completing advanced placement courses, by type, and requirements for admission to the University of California or the California State University, including courses in algebra, biology, and United States or world history.

- (b) The report on the pupil literacy and achievement component shall be disaggregated by numerically significant subgroups, as defined in Section 52052, and English language learners and have a focus on improved scores in reading and mathematics as measured by the following:
- (1) The Academic Performance Index, including the data collected pursuant to tests that are part of the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program and the writing sample that is part of that program.
- (2) The results of the primary language test pursuant to Section 60640.
- (3) Graduation rates, when the methodology for collecting this data has been confirmed to be valid and reliable.
- (4) In addition, a school may use locally developed assessments to assist it in determining the pupil progress in academic literacy and achievement.
- (c) The report on the quality of staff component shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:
- (1) The number of teachers at the schoolsite holding a valid California teaching credential or district or university intern certificate or credential compared to those teachers at the same schoolsite holding a preintern certificate, emergency permit, or waiver.
- (2) The number and ratio of teachers across the district holding a valid California teaching credential or district or university intern certificate or credential compared to those holding a preintern certificate, emergency permit, or waiver.
- (3) The number of principals having completed training pursuant to Article 4.6 (commencing with Section 44510) of Chapter 3 of Part 25.
- (4) The number of principals by credential type or years of experience and length of time at the schoolsite by years.
- (d) The report on the parental involvement component shall include explicit involvement strategies being implemented at the

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schoolsite that are directly linked to activities supporting pupil academic achievement and verification that the schoolsite has developed a school-parent compact as required by Section 51101.

- (e) All comparisons made in the reports required pursuant to this section shall be based on baseline data provided by the district and schoolsite in the action plan that is certified and submitted with the initial application.
- (f) To the extent that data is already reported to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, a school district need not include the data in the reports submitted pursuant to this section.
- (g) Before submitting the reports required pursuant to this section, the school district shall, at a regularly scheduled public meeting of the governing board, review a participating school's progress towards achieving those goals.
- SEC. 55. Section 56001 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 56001. It is the intent of the Legislature that special education programs provide all of the following:
- (a) Each individual with exceptional needs is assured an education appropriate to his or her needs in publicly supported programs through completion of his or her prescribed course of study and until he or she meets graduation requirements or until he or she becomes 22 years of age, as specified in Section 56026 and 56026.1.
- (b) By June 30, 1991, early educational opportunities shall be available to all children between the ages of three and five years who require special education and services.
- (c) Early educational opportunities shall be made available to children younger than three years of age pursuant to Chapter 4.4 (commencing with Section 56425), appropriate sections of this part, and the California Early Intervention Service Act, Title 14 (commencing with Section 95000) of the Government Code.
- (d) Any child younger than three years, potentially eligible for special education, shall be afforded the protections provided pursuant to the California Early Intervention Services Act, Title 14 (commencing with Section 95000) of the Government Code and Section 1439 of Title 20 of the United States Code and implementing regulations.

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(e) Each individual with exceptional needs shall have his or her educational goals, objectives, and special education and related services specified in a written individualized education program.

- (f) Education programs are provided under an approved local plan for special education that sets forth the elements of the programs in accordance with this part. This plan for special education shall be developed cooperatively with input from the community advisory committee and appropriate representation from special and regular teachers and administrators selected by the groups they represent to ensure effective participation and communication.
- (g) Individuals with exceptional needs are offered special assistance programs that promote maximum interaction with the general school population in a manner that is appropriate to the needs of both, taking into consideration, for hard-of-hearing or deaf children, the individual's needs for a sufficient number of age and language mode peers and for special education teachers who are proficient in the individual's primary language mode.
- (h) Pupils are transferred out of special education programs when special education services are no longer needed.
- (i) The unnecessary use of labels is avoided in providing special education and related services for individuals with exceptional needs.
- (j) Procedures and materials for assessment and placement of individuals with exceptional needs shall be selected and administered so as not to be racially, culturally, or sexually discriminatory. No single assessment instrument shall be the sole criterion for determining placement of a pupil. The procedures and materials for assessment and placement shall be in the individual's mode of communication. Procedures and materials for use with pupils of limited English proficiency, as defined in subdivision (m) of Section 52163, shall be in the individual's primary language. All assessment materials and procedures shall be selected and administered pursuant to Section 56320.
- (k) Educational programs are coordinated with other public and private agencies, including preschools, child development programs, nonpublic nonsectarian schools, regional occupational centers and programs, and postsecondary and adult programs for individuals with exceptional needs.

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(*l*) Psychological and health services for individuals with exceptional needs shall be available to each schoolsite.

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- (m) Continuous evaluation of the effectiveness of these special education programs by the school district, special education local plan area, or county office shall be made to ensure the highest quality educational offerings.
- (n) Appropriate qualified staff are employed, consistent with credentialing requirements, to fulfill the responsibilities of the local plan and positive efforts are made to employ qualified disabled individuals.
- (o) Regular and special education personnel are adequately prepared to provide educational instruction and services to individuals with exceptional needs.
- SEC. 56. Section 56028 of the Education Code is amended to read:
 - 56028. (a) "Parent," includes any of the following:
 - (1) A person having legal custody of a child.
- (2) Any adult pupil for whom no guardian or conservator has been appointed.
- (3) A person acting in the place of a parent (such as a grandparent or stepparent with whom the child lives). "Parent" also includes a parent surrogate.
- (4) A foster parent if the natural parents' authority to make educational decisions on the child's behalf has been specifically limited by court order in accordance with subsection (b) of Section 300.20 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- (b) "Parent" does not include the state or any political subdivision of government.
- SEC. 57. Section 56032 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 56032. "Individualized education program" means a written document described in Sections 56345 and 56345.1 for an individual with exceptional needs that is developed, reviewed, and
- 34 revised in a meeting in accordance with Sections 300.340 to
- 35 300.350, inclusive, of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations
- and this part. It also means "individualized family service plan"
- 37 as described in Section 1436 of Title 20 of the United States Code
- 38 when individualized education program pertains to individuals
- 39 with exceptional needs younger than three years of age.

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1 SEC. 58. Section 56043 of the Education Code is amended to 2 read:

- 56043. The primary timelines affecting special education programs are as follows:
- (a) A proposed assessment plan shall be developed within 15 calendar days of referral for assessment, not counting calendar days between the pupil's regular school sessions or terms or calendar days of school vacation in excess of five schooldays from the date of receipt of the referral, unless the parent or guardian agrees, in writing, to an extension, pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 56321.
- (b) A parent or guardian shall have at least 15 calendar days from the receipt of the proposed assessment plan to arrive at a decision, pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 56321.
- (c) A parent or guardian shall be notified of the individualized education program meeting early enough to ensure an opportunity to attend, pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 56341.5.
- (d) An individualized education program required as a result of an assessment of a pupil shall be developed within a total time not to exceed 50 calendar days, not counting days between the pupil's regular school sessions, terms, or days of school vacation in excess of five schooldays, from the date of receipt of the parent's or guardian's written consent for assessment, unless the parent or guardian agrees, in writing, to an extension, pursuant to Section 56344.
- (e) Beginning at age 14 or younger, if determined by the individualized education program team pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Section 300.347 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and updated annually, a statement of the transition service needs of the pupil shall be included in the pupil's individualized education program, pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 56345.1.
- (f) Beginning at age 16, or younger, and annually thereafter, a statement of needed transition services shall be included in the pupil's individualized education program, pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 56345.1.
- (g) A pupil's individualized education program shall be implemented as soon as possible following the individualized education program meeting, pursuant to Section 3040 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.

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(h) An individualized education program team shall meet at least annually to review a pupil's progress, the individualized education program, including whether the annual goals for the pupil are being achieved, the appropriateness of the placement, and to make any necessary revisions, pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 56343, subdivision (a) of Section 56380, and Section 3068 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.

- (i) A reassessment of a pupil shall be conducted at least once every three years or more frequently, if conditions warrant a reassessment and a new individualized education program to be developed, pursuant to Section 56381.
- (j) A meeting of an individualized education program team requested by a parent or guardian to review an individualized education program pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 56343 shall be held within 30 calendar days, not counting days in July and August, from the date of receipt of the parent's or guardian's written request, pursuant to Section 56343.5.
- (k) The administrator of a local program under this part shall ensure that the pupil is immediately provided an interim placement for a period not to exceed 30 calendar days whenever a pupil transfers into a school district from a school district not operating programs under the same local plan in which he or she was last enrolled in a special education program pursuant to Section 56325.
- (*l*) The parent or guardian shall have the right and opportunity to examine all school records of the child and to receive copies within five calendar days after a request is made by the parent or guardian, either orally or in writing, pursuant to Section 56504 and Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 49060) of Part 27.
- (m) Upon receipt of a request from an educational agency where an individual with exceptional needs has enrolled, a former educational agency shall send the pupil's special education records, or a copy thereof, within five working days, pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 3024 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.
 - (n) The department shall do all of the following:
- (1) Have a time limit of 60 calendar days after a complaint is filed with the state education agency to investigate the complaint.
- (2) Give the complainant the opportunity to submit additional information about the allegations in the complaint.

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 (3) Review all relevant information and make an independent determination as to whether there is a violation of a requirement of this part or Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.).

- (4) Issue a written decision, pursuant to Section 300.661 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- (o) A prehearing mediation conference shall be scheduled within 15 calendar days of receipt by the superintendent of the request for mediation, and shall be completed within 30 calendar days after the request for mediation, unless both parties to the prehearing mediation conference agree to extend the time for completing the mediation, pursuant to Section 56500.3.
- (p) Any request for a due process hearing arising from subdivision (a) of Section 56501 shall be filed within three years from the date the party initiating the request knew or had reason to know of facts underlying the basis for the request, pursuant to subdivision (j) of Section 56505.
- (q) The superintendent shall ensure that, within 45 calendar days after receipt of a written due process hearing request, the hearing is immediately commenced and completed, including any mediation requested at any point during the hearing process, and a final administrative decision is rendered, pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 56502.
- (r) If either party to a due process hearing intends to be represented by an attorney in the due process hearing, notice of that intent shall be given to the other party at least 10 calendar days prior to the hearing, pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 56507.
- (s) Any party to a due process hearing shall have the right to be informed by the other parties to the hearing, at least 10 calendar days prior to the hearing, as to what those parties believe are the issues to be decided at the hearing and their proposed resolution of those issues, pursuant to paragraph (6) of subdivision (e) of Section 56505.
- (t) Any party to a due process hearing shall have the right to receive from other parties to the hearing, at least five business days prior to the hearing, a copy of all documents, including all assessments completed and not completed by that date, and a list of all witnesses and their general area of testimony that the parties intend to present at the hearing, pursuant to paragraph (7) of subdivision (e) of Section 56505.

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(u) An appeal of a due process hearing decision shall be made within 90 calendar days of receipt of the hearing decision, pursuant to subdivision (i) of Section 56505.

- (v) When an individualized education program calls for a residential placement as a result of a review by an expanded individualized education program team, the individualized education program shall include a provision for a review, at least every six months, by the full individualized education program team of all of the following pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 7572.5 of the Government Code:
 - (1) The case progress.

- (2) The continuing need for out-of-home placement.
- (3) The extent of compliance with the individualized education program.
 - (4) Progress toward alleviating the need for out-of-home care.
- (w) No later than the pupil's 17th birthday, a statement shall be included in the pupil's individualized education program that the pupil has been informed of his or her rights that will transfer to the pupil upon reaching 18 years of age pursuant to Section 300.517 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 56041.5, and paragraph (8) of subdivision (a) of Section 56345.
- SEC. 59. Section 56170 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 56170. As used in this part, "private school children with disabilities" means children with disabilities enrolled by a parent in private preschools or private elementary and secondary schools or facilities, in accordance with Section 300.450 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations other than individuals with exceptional needs placed by a district, special education local plan area, or county office in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school pursuant to Section 56365.
- 32 SEC. 60. Section 56320 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 56320. Before any action is taken with respect to the initial placement of an individual with exceptional needs in special education instruction, an individual assessment of the pupil's educational needs shall be conducted, by qualified persons, in accordance with requirements including, but not limited to, all the

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(a) Testing and assessment materials and procedures used for the purposes of assessment and placement of individuals with exceptional needs are selected and administered so as not to be racially, culturally, or sexually discriminatory.

- (b) Tests and other assessment materials meet all the following requirements:
- (1) Are provided and administered in the pupil's native language, as defined in Section 300.19 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, or other mode of communication, unless the assessment plan indicates reasons why this provision and administration are not clearly feasible.
- (2) Have been validated for the specific purpose for which they are used.
- (3) Are administered by trained personnel in conformance with the instructions provided by the producer of the tests and other assessment materials, except that individually administered tests of intellectual or emotional functioning shall be administered by a credentialed school psychologist.
- (c) Tests and other assessment materials include those tailored to assess specific areas of educational need and not merely those which are designed to provide a single general intelligence quotient.
- (d) Tests are selected and administered to best ensure that when a test administered to a pupil with impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills produces test results that accurately reflect the pupil's aptitude, achievement level, or any other factors the test purports to measure and not the pupil's impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills unless those skills are the factors the test purports to measure.
- (e) Pursuant to subsection (f) of Section 300.532 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, no single procedure is used as the sole criterion for determining whether a pupil is an individual with exceptional needs and for determining an appropriate educational program for the pupil.
- (f) The pupil is assessed in all areas related to the suspected disability including, if appropriate, health and development, vision, including low vision, hearing, motor abilities, language function, general intelligence, academic performance, communicative status, self-help, orientation and mobility skills, career and vocational abilities and interests, and social and

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emotional status. A developmental history is obtained, when appropriate. For pupils with residual vision, a low vision assessment shall be provided in accordance with guidelines established pursuant to Section 56136. In assessing each pupil under this article, the assessment shall be conducted in accordance with subsection (h) of Section 300.532 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

- (g) The assessment of a pupil, including the assessment of a pupil with a suspected low incidence disability, shall be conducted by persons knowledgeable of that disability. Special attention shall be given to the unique educational needs, including, but not limited to, skills and the need for specialized services, materials, and equipment consistent with guidelines established pursuant to Section 56136.
- (h) As part of an initial assessment, if appropriate, and as part of any reassessment under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.) and this part, the group that includes members of the individualized education program team, and other qualified professionals, as appropriate, shall follow the procedures specified in subsection (a) of Section 300.533 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The group may conduct its review without a meeting.
- SEC. 61. Section 56341.5 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 56341.5. (a) Each district, special education local plan area, or county office convening a meeting of the individualized education program team shall take steps to ensure that no less than one of the parents or guardians of the individual with exceptional needs are present at each individualized education program meeting or are afforded the opportunity to participate.
- (b) Parents or guardians shall be notified of the individualized education program meeting early enough to ensure an opportunity to attend.
- (c) The individualized education program meeting shall be scheduled at a mutually agreed upon time and place. The notice of the meeting under subdivision (b) shall indicate the purpose, time, and location of the meeting and who shall be in attendance. Parents or guardians shall also be informed in the notice of the right, pursuant to clause (ii) of paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Section 300.345 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, to bring

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other people to the meeting who have knowledge or special expertise regarding the individual with exceptional needs.

- (d) For an individual with exceptional needs beginning at age 14, or younger, if appropriate, the meeting notice shall also indicate that a purpose of the meeting will be the development of a statement of the transition services needs of the individual required by subdivision (a) of Section 56345.1, and indicate that the individual with exceptional needs is also invited to attend. In accordance with paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Section 300.345 of the Code of Federal Regulations, for an individual with exceptional needs beginning at 16 years of age or younger, if appropriate, the meeting notice shall also indicate that a purpose of the meeting is the consideration of needed transition services for the individual required by subdivision (b) of Section 56345.1 and indicate that the individual with exceptional needs is invited to attend. If the pupil does not attend the individualized education program meeting, the district, special education local plan area, or county office shall take steps to ensure that the pupil's preferences and interests are considered in accordance with paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Section 300.344 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- (e) The meeting notice shall also identify any other local agency in accordance with paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Section 300.344 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- (f) If no parent or guardian can attend the meeting, the district, special education local plan area, or county office shall use other methods to ensure parent or guardian participation, including individual or conference telephone calls.
- (g) A meeting may be conducted without a parent or guardian in attendance if the district, special education local plan area, or county office is unable to convince the parent or guardian that he or she should attend. In this event, the district, special education local plan area, or county office shall maintain a record of its attempts to arrange a mutually agreed-upon time and place, as follows:
- (1) Detailed records of telephone calls made or attempted and the results of those calls.
- (2) Copies of correspondence sent to the parents or guardians and any responses received.

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(3) Detailed records of visits made to the home or place of employment of the parent or guardian and the results of those visits.

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- (h) The district, special education local plan area, or county office shall take whatever action is necessary to ensure that the parent or guardian understands the proceedings at a meeting, including arranging for an interpreter for parents or guardian with deafness or whose native language is other than English.
- (i) The district, special education local plan area, or county office shall give the parent or guardian a copy of the individualized education program, at no cost to the parent or guardian.
- SEC. 62. Section 56343.5 of the Education Code is amended to read: 13
 - 56343.5. A meeting of an individualized education program team requested by a parent to review an individualized education program pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 56343 shall be held within 30 days, not counting days between the pupil's regular school sessions, terms, or days of school vacation in excess of five schooldays, from the date of receipt of the parent's written request. If a parent makes an oral request, the school district shall notify the parent of the need for a written request and the procedure for filing a written request.
 - SEC. 63. Section 56345.1 of the Education Code is amended to read:
 - 56345.1. (a) Beginning at age 14 or younger, if determined by the individualized education program team pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Section 300.347 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and updated annually, a statement of the transition service needs of the pupil shall be included in the pupil's individualized education program. The statement shall be included under applicable components of the pupil's individualized education program that focuses on the pupil's courses study, such as participation of advanced-placement courses or a vocational education program.
- (b) Beginning at age 16 or younger and annually thereafter, in 36 accordance with Section 56462 and paragraph (30) of Section 1401 of Title 20 of the United States Code, a statement of needed transition services shall be included in the pupil's individualized education program, including whenever appropriate, a statement of interagency responsibilities or any needed linkages.

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(c) The term "transition services" means a coordinated set of activities for an individual with exceptional needs that does the following:

- (1) Is designed within an outcome-oriented process, that promotes movement from school to postschool activities, including postsecondary education, vocational training, integrated employment, including supported employment, continuing and adult education, adult services, independent living, or community participation.
- (2) Is based upon the individual pupil's needs, taking into account the pupil's preferences and interests.
- (3) Includes instruction, related services, community experiences, the development of employment and other postschool adult living objectives, and, when appropriate, acquisition of daily living skills and functional vocational evaluation.
- (d) If a participating agency, other than the local educational agency, fails to provide the transition services described in the pupil's individualized education program in accordance with this section, the local educational agency shall reconvene the individualized education program team to identify alternative strategies to meet the transition service needs for the pupil set out in the program.
- SEC. 64. Section 56361 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 56361. The continuum of program options shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, all of the following or any combination of the following:
- (a) Regular education programs consistent with subparagraph (A) of paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Section 1412 of Title 20 of the United States Code and implementing regulations.
 - (b) A resource specialist program pursuant to Section 56362.
- (c) Designated instruction and services pursuant to Section 56363.
 - (d) Special classes pursuant to Section 56364.
- (e) Nonpublic, nonsectarian school services pursuant to Section 56365.
 - (f) State special schools pursuant to Section 56367.
- 39 (g) Instruction in settings other than classrooms where 40 specially designed instruction may occur.

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(h) Itinerant instruction in classrooms, resource rooms, and settings other than classrooms where specially designed instruction may occur to the extent required by federal law or regulation.

- (i) Instruction using telecommunication, and instruction in the home, in hospitals, and in other institutions to the extent required by federal law or regulation.
- SEC. 65. Section 56364 of the Education Code is repealed. SEC. 66. Section 56364.2 of the Education Code, is amended and renumbered to read.
- 56364. (a) Special classes that serve pupils with similar and more intensive educational needs shall be available. The special classes may enroll pupils only when the nature or severity of the disability of the individual with exceptional needs is such that education in the regular classes with the use of supplementary aids and services, including curriculum modification and behavioral support, cannot be achieved satisfactorily. These requirements also apply to separate schooling, or other removal of individuals with exceptional needs from the regular educational environment.
- (b) In providing or arranging for the provision of activities, each public agency shall ensure that each individual with exceptional needs participates in those activities with nondisabled pupils to the maximum extent appropriate to the needs of the individual with exceptional needs, including nonacademic and extracurricular services and activities. Special classes shall meet standards adopted by the board.
- SEC. 67. Section 56364.5 of the Education Code is repealed. SEC. 68. Section 56366 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 56366. It is the intent of the Legislature that the role of the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency shall be maintained and continued as an alternative special education service available to districts, special education local plan areas, county offices, and parents.
- (a) The master contract for nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency services shall be developed in accordance with the following provisions:
- (1) The master contract shall specify the general administrative and financial agreements between the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency and the district, special education local plan area,

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 or county office to provide the special education and designated instruction and services, as well as transportation specified in the pupil's individualized education program. The administrative provisions of the contract also shall include procedures for recordkeeping and documentation, and the maintenance of school records by the contracting district, special education local plan area, or county office to ensure that appropriate high school graduation credit is received by the pupil. The contract may allow for partial or full-time attendance at the nonpublic, nonsectarian school.

- (2) (A) The master contract shall include an individual services agreement for each pupil placed by a district, special education local plan area, or county office that will be negotiated for the length of time for which nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency special education and designated instruction and services are specified in the pupil's individualized education program.
- (B) The master contract shall include a description of the process being utilized by the school district, county office of education, or special education local plan area to oversee and evaluate placements in nonpublic, nonsectarian schools. This description shall include a method for evaluating whether the pupil is making appropriate educational progress.
- (3) Changes in educational instruction, services, or placement provided under contract may only be made on the basis of revisions to the pupil's individualized education program.

At any time during the term of the contract or individual services agreement, the parent; nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency; or district, special education local plan area, or county office may request a review of the pupil's individualized education program by the individualized education program team. Changes in the administrative or financial agreements of the master contract that do not alter the individual services agreement that outlines each pupil's educational instruction, services, or placement may be made at any time during the term of the contract as mutually agreed by the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency and the district, special education local plan area, or county office.

(4) The master contract or individual services agreement may be terminated for cause. The cause shall not be the availability of a public class initiated during the period of the contract unless the parent agrees to the transfer of the pupil to a public school —71 — AB 300

1 program. To terminate the contract either party shall give 20 days' notice.

- (5) The nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency shall provide all services specified in the individualized education program, unless the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency and the district, special education local plan area, or county office agree otherwise in the contract or individualized services agreement.
- (6) Related services provided pursuant to a nonpublic, nonsectarian agency master contract shall only be provided during the period of the child's regular or extended school year program, or both, unless otherwise specified by the pupil's individualized education program.
- (7) The nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency shall report attendance of pupils receiving special education and designated instruction and services as defined by Section 46307 for purposes of submitting a warrant for tuition to each contracting district, special education local plan area, or county office.
- (b) The master contract or individual services agreement shall not include special education transportation provided through the use of services or equipment owned, leased, or contracted by a district, special education local plan area, or county office for pupils enrolled in the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency unless provided directly or subcontracted by that nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency.

The superintendent shall withhold 20 percent of the amount apportioned to a school district or county office for costs related to the provision of nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency placements if the superintendent finds that the local education agency is in noncompliance with this subdivision. This amount shall be withheld from the apportionments in the fiscal year following the superintendent's finding of noncompliance. The superintendent shall take other appropriate actions to prevent noncompliant practices from occurring and report to the Legislature on those actions.

(c) (1) If the pupil is enrolled in the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency with the approval of the district, special education local plan area, or county office prior to agreement to a contract or individual services agreement, the district, special education local plan area, or county office shall issue a warrant, upon submission of an attendance report and claim, for an amount

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equal to the number of creditable days of attendance at the per diem tuition rate agreed upon prior to the enrollment of the pupil. This provision shall be allowed for 90 days during which time the contract shall be consummated.

- (2) If after 60 days the master contract or individual services agreement has not been finalized as prescribed in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a), either party may appeal to the county superintendent of schools, if the county superintendent is not participating in the local plan involved in the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency contract, or the superintendent, if the county superintendent is participating in the local plan involved in the contract, to negotiate the contract. Within 30 days of receipt of this appeal, the county superintendent or the superintendent, or his or her designee, shall render a decision, which shall be the final administrative decision and binding upon both parties.
- (d) No master contract for special education and related services provided by a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency shall be authorized under this part unless the school or agency has been certified as meeting those standards relating to the required special education and specified related services and facilities for individuals with exceptional needs. The certification shall result in the school's or agency's receiving approval to educate pupils under this part for a period no longer than four years from the date of the approval.
- (e) By September 30, 1998, the procedures, methods, and regulations for the purposes of contracting for nonpublic, nonsectarian school and agency services pursuant to this section and for reimbursement pursuant to Sections 56836.16 and 56836.20 shall be developed by the superintendent in consultation with statewide organizations representing providers of special education and designated instruction and services. The regulations shall be established by rules and regulations issued by the board. SEC. 69. Section 56390 of the Education Code is amended to read:

56390. Notwithstanding Section 51412 or any other provision of law, a local educational agency shall award an individual with exceptional needs a certificate or document of educational achievement or completion if the requirements of subdivision (a), (b), or (c) are met.

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(a) The individual has satisfactorily completed a prescribed alternative course of study approved by the governing board of the school district in which the individual attended school or the school district with jurisdiction over the individual and identified in his or her individualized education program.

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- (b) The individual has satisfactorily met his or her individualized education program goals and objectives during high school as determined by the individualized education program team.
- (c) The individual has satisfactorily attended high school, participated in the instruction as prescribed in his or her individualized education program, and has met the objectives of the statement of transition services.
- SEC. 70. Section 56391 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 56391. A school district shall permit an individual with exceptional needs who meets the criteria for a certificate or document described in Section 56390 to participate in any graduation ceremony and any school activity related to graduation in which a pupil of similar age without disabilities would be eligible to participate. The right to participate in graduation ceremonies does not equate a certificate or document described in Section 56390 with a regular high school diploma.
- SEC. 71. Section 56500.3 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 56500.3. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that parties to special education disputes be encouraged to seek resolution through mediation prior to filing a request for a due process hearing. It is also the intent of the Legislature that these voluntary prehearing request mediation conferences be an informal process conducted in a nonadversarial atmosphere to resolve issues relating to the identification, assessment, or educational placement of the child, or the provision of a free, appropriate public education to the child, to the satisfaction of both parties. Therefore, attorneys or other independent contractors used to provide legal advocacy services may not attend or otherwise participate in the prehearing request mediation conferences.
- (b) This part does not preclude the parent or the public educational agency from being accompanied and advised by nonattorney representatives in the mediation conferences and

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consulting with an attorney prior to or following a mediation conference. For purposes of this section, "attorney" means an active, practicing member of the State Bar of California or another independent contractor used to provide legal advocacy services, but does not mean a parent of the pupil who is also an attorney.

- (c) Requesting or participating in a mediation conference is not a prerequisite to requesting a due process hearing.
- (d) All requests for a mediation conference shall be filed with the superintendent. The party initiating a mediation conference by filing a written request with the superintendent shall provide the other party to the mediation with a copy of the request at the same time the request is filed with the superintendent. The mediation conference shall be conducted by a person knowledgeable in the process of reconciling differences in a nonadversarial manner and under contract with the department pursuant to Section 56504.5. The mediator shall be knowledgeable in the laws and regulations governing special education.
- (e) The prehearing mediation conference shall be scheduled within 15 days of receipt by the superintendent of the request for mediation. The mediation conference shall be completed within 30 days after receipt of the request for mediation unless both parties to the prehearing mediation conference agree to extend the time for completing the mediation.
- (f) Based upon the mediation conference, the district superintendent, the county superintendent, or the director of the public educational agency, or his or her designee, may resolve the issue or issues. However, this resolution may not conflict with state or federal law and shall be to the satisfaction of both parties. A copy of the written resolution shall be mailed to each party within 10 days following the mediation conference.
- (g) If the mediation conference fails to resolve the issues to the satisfaction of all parties, the party who requested the mediation conference has the option of filing for a state-level hearing pursuant to Section 56505. The mediator may assist the parties in specifying any unresolved issues to be included in the hearing request.
- (h) Any mediation conference held pursuant to this section shall be scheduled in a timely manner and shall be held at a time and place reasonably convenient to the parties to the dispute in

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accordance with paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of Section 300.506 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

- (i) The mediation conference shall be conducted in accordance with regulations adopted by the board.
- (j) Notwithstanding any procedure set forth in this chapter, a public educational agency and a parent may, if the party initiating the mediation conference so chooses, meet informally to resolve any issue or issues to the satisfaction of both parties prior to the mediation conference.
- (k) The procedures and rights contained in this section shall be included in the notice of parent rights attached to the pupil's assessment plan pursuant to Section 56321.
- SEC. 72. Section 56504.5 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 56504.5. The department shall contract with a single, nonprofit organization or entity to conduct mediation conferences and due process hearings in accordance with Sections 300.506 and 300.508 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- SEC. 73. Section 56505 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 56505. (a) The state hearing shall be conducted in accordance with regulations adopted by the board.
- (b) The hearing shall be held at a time and place reasonably convenient to the parent or guardian and the pupil.
- (c) The hearing shall be conducted by a person knowledgeable in the laws governing special education and administrative hearings pursuant to Section 56504.5. The hearing officer shall encourage the parties to a hearing to consider the option of mediation as an alternative to a hearing.
- (d) Pursuant to subsection (a) of Section 300.514 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, during the pendency of the hearing proceedings, including the actual state level hearing, or judicial proceeding regarding a due process hearing, the pupil shall remain in his or her present placement, except as provided in Section 300.526 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, unless the public agency and the parent or guardian agree otherwise. A pupil applying for initial admission to a public school shall, with the consent of his or her parent or guardian, be placed in the public school program until all proceedings have been completed. As provided in subsection (c) of Section 300.514 of

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 Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, if the decision of a hearing officer in a due process hearing or a state review official in an administrative appeal agrees with the pupil's parent or guardian that a change of placement is appropriate, that placement must be treated as an agreement between the state or local agency and the parent or guardian.

- (e) Any party to the hearing held pursuant to this section shall be afforded the following rights consistent with state and federal statutes and regulations:
- (1) The right to be accompanied and advised by counsel and by individuals with special knowledge or training relating to the problems of individuals with exceptional needs.
- (2) The right to present evidence, written arguments, and oral arguments.
- (3) The right to confront, cross-examine, and compel the attendance of witnesses.
- (4) The right to a written, or, at the option of the parents or guardians, electronic verbatim record of the hearing.
- (5) The right to written, or, at the option of the parent or guardian, electronic findings of fact and decisions. The record of the hearing and the findings of fact and decisions shall be provided at no cost to parents or guardians in accordance with paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Section 300.509 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The findings and decisions shall be made available to the public after any personally identifiable information has been deleted consistent with the confidentiality requirements of subsection (c) of Section 1417 of Title 20 of the United States Code and shall also be transmitted to the Advisory Commission on Special Education pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (h) of Section 1415 of Title 20 of the United States Code.
- (6) The right to be informed by the other parties to the hearing, at least 10 days prior to the hearing, as to what those parties believe are the issues to be decided at the hearing and their proposed resolution of those issues. Upon the request of a parent who is not represented by an attorney, the agency responsible for conducting hearings shall provide a mediator to assist the parent in identifying the issues and the proposed resolution of the issues.
- (7) The right to receive from other parties to the hearing, at least five business days prior to the hearing, a copy of all documents and

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a list of all witnesses and their general area of testimony that the parties intend to present at the hearing. Included in the material to be disclosed to all parties at least five business days prior to a hearing shall be all assessments completed by that date and recommendations based on the assessments that the parties intend to use at the hearing.

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- (8) The right, pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Section 300.509 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, to prohibit the introduction of any evidence at the hearing that has not been disclosed to that party at least five business days before the hearing.
- (f) The hearing conducted pursuant to this section shall be completed and a written, reasoned decision mailed to all parties to the hearing within 45 days from the receipt by the superintendent of the request for a hearing. Either party to the hearing may request the hearing officer to grant an extension. The extension shall be granted upon a showing of good cause. Any extension shall extend the time for rendering a final administrative decision for a period only equal to the length of the extension.
- (g) The hearing conducted pursuant to this section shall be the final administrative determination and binding on all parties.
- (h) In decisions relating to the placement of individuals with exceptional needs, the person conducting the state hearing shall consider cost, in addition to all other factors that are considered.
- (i) Nothing in this chapter shall preclude a party aggrieved by the findings and decisions in a hearing under this section from exercising the right to appeal the decision to a state court of competent jurisdiction. An aggrieved party may also exercise the right to bring a civil action in a district court of the United States without regard to the amount in controversy, pursuant to Section 300.512 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations. An appeal shall be made within 90 days of receipt of the hearing decision. During the pendency of any administrative or judicial proceeding conducted pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 56500), unless the public education agency and the parents of the child agree otherwise, the child involved in the hearing shall remain in his or her present educational placement. Any action brought under this subdivision shall adhere to the provisions of subsection (b) of Section 300.512 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

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(j) Any request for a due process hearing arising under subdivision (a) of Section 56501 shall be filed within three years from the date the party initiating the request knew or had reason to know of the facts underlying the basis for the request.

SEC. 74. Section 56506 of the Education Code is amended to read:

56506. In addition to the due process hearing rights enumerated in subdivision (b) of 56501, the following due process rights extend to the pupil and the parent:

- (a) Written notice to the parent of his or her rights in language easily understood by the general public and in the native language of the parent, as defined in Section 300.19 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations or other mode of communication used by the parent, unless to do so is clearly not feasible. The written notice of rights shall include, but not be limited to, those prescribed by Section 56341.
- (b) The right to initiate a referral of a child for special education services pursuant to Section 56303.
- (c) The right to obtain an independent educational assessment pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 56329.
- (d) The right to participate in the development of the individualized education program and to be informed of the availability under state and federal law of free appropriate public education and of all available alternative programs, both public and nonpublic.
- (e) Written parental consent pursuant to Section 56321 shall be obtained before any assessment of the pupil is conducted unless the public education agency prevails in a due process hearing relating to the assessment. In accordance with subsection (c) of Section 300.505 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, informed parental consent need not be obtained in the case of a reassessment of the pupilif pupil if the local educational agency can demonstrate that it has taken reasonable measures to obtain consent and the pupil's parent has failed to respond.
- (f) Written parental consent pursuant to Section 56321 shall be obtained before the pupil is placed in a special education program.
- SEC. 75. Section 56605 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 39 56605. The superintendent shall periodically provide 40 information or sponsor or conduct workshops and seminars, or

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both, for the education of local education agency personnel assigned to, and responsible for, the evaluation of local special education programs.

- SEC. 76. Section 56836.01 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 56836.01. Commencing with the 1998–99 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, the administrator of each special education local plan area, in accordance with the local plan approved by the board, shall be responsible for the following:
- (a) The fiscal administration of the annual budget plan pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 56205 and annual allocation plan for multidistrict special education local plan areas pursuant to Section 56836.05 for special education programs of school districts and county superintendents of schools composing the special education local plan area.
- (b) The allocation of state and federal funds allocated to the special education local plan area for the provision of special education and related services by those entities.
- (c) The reporting and accounting requirements prescribed by this part.
- SEC. 77. Section 56836.155 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 56836.155. (a) On or before November 2, 1998, the department, in conjunction with the Office of the Legislative Analyst, shall do the following:
- (1) Calculate an "incidence multiplier" for each special education local plan area using the definition, methodology, and data provided in the final report submitted by the American Institutes for Research pursuant to Section 67 of Chapter 854 of the Statutes of 1997.
- (2) Submit the incidence multiplier for each special education local plan area and supporting data to the Department of Finance.
- (b) The Department of Finance shall review the incidence multiplier for each special education local plan area and the supporting data, and report any errors to the department and the Office of the Legislative Analyst for correction.
- 37 (c) The Department of Finance shall approve the final 38 incidence multiplier for each special education local plan area by 39 November 23, 1998.

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(d) For the 1998–99 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter to and including the 2002–03 fiscal year, the superintendent shall perform the following calculation to determine each special education local plan area's adjusted entitlement for the incidence of disabilities:

- (1) The incidence multiplier for the special education local plan area shall be multiplied by the statewide target amount per unit of average daily attendance for special education local plan areas determined pursuant to Section 56836.11 for the fiscal year in which the computation is made.
- (2) The amount determined pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be added to the statewide target amount per unit of average daily attendance for special education local plan area determined pursuant to Section 56836.11 for the fiscal year in which the computation is made.
- (3) Subtract the amount of funding for the special education local plan area determined pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) or paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 56836.08, as appropriate for the fiscal year in which the computation is made, or the statewide target amount per unit of average daily attendance for special education local plan areas determined pursuant to Section 56836.11 for the fiscal year in which the computation is made, whichever is greater, from the amount determined pursuant to paragraph (2). For the purposes of this paragraph for the 2001–02 and 2002–03 fiscal years, the amount, if any, received pursuant to Section 56836.159 shall be excluded from the funding level per unit of average daily attendance for a special education local plan area. If the result is less than zero, the special education local plan area may not receive an adjusted entitlement for the incidence of disabilities.
- (4) Multiply the amount determined in paragraph (3) by either the average daily attendance reported for the special education local plan area for the fiscal year in which the computation is made, as adjusted pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 56836.15, or the average daily attendance reported for the special education local plan area for the prior fiscal year, as adjusted pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 56826.15, whichever is less.
- (5) If there are insufficient funds appropriated in the fiscal year for which the computation is made for the purposes of this section,

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the amount received by each special education local plan area shallbe prorated.

- (e) For the 1997–98 fiscal year, the superintendent shall perform the calculation in paragraphs (1) to (3), inclusive, of paragraph (d) only for the purposes of making the computation in paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 56836.08, but the special education local plan area shall not receive an adjusted entitlement for the incidence of disabilities pursuant to this section for the 1997–98 fiscal year.
- (f) On or before March 1, 2003, the Office of the Legislative Analyst, in conjunction with the Department of Finance and the department, shall submit to the Legislature a new study of the incidence multiplier, with recommendations as to the necessity of continuing to adjust the funding formula contained in this chapter for the purposes of this section to the extent that funding is provided for this purpose. The Office of the Legislative Analyst may contract for this study. It is the intent of the Legislature to provide funding for this study in the Budget Act of 2002.
- SEC. 78. Section 56863 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 56863. The state hospitals, as part of the notification to parents of pupils of their rights pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.), the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 701 et seq.), and this part and implementing regulations, shall notify parents of the right that their child can be considered for education programs other than on state hospital grounds.

For the purposes of this section, the term "parent of pupil" shall mean a parent, a legal guardian, a conservator, a person acting as a parent of a child, or a surrogate parent appointed pursuant to Section 300.515 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Information and records concerning state hospital patients in the possession of the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be treated as confidential under Section 5328 of the Welfare and Institutions Code and the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, Public Law 93-579.

- 37 SEC. 79. Section 58562 of the Education Code is amended to 38 read:
- 39 58562. This chapter shall become inoperative on July 1, 2007, and, as of January 1, 2008, is repealed, unless a later enacted

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statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2008,
deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and
is repealed.

- 4 SEC. 80. Section 60040 of the Education Code is amended to 5 read:
 - 60040. When adopting instructional materials for use in the schools, governing boards shall include only instructional materials which, in their determination, accurately portray the cultural and racial diversity of our society, including:
 - (a) The contributions of both men and women in all types of roles, including professional, vocational, and executive roles.
 - (b) The role and contributions of American Indians, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, European Americans, and members of other ethnic and cultural groups to the total development of California and the United States.
 - (c) The role and contributions of the entrepreneur and labor in the total development of California and the United States.
 - SEC. 81. Section 60119 of the Education Code is amended to read:
 - 60119. (a) For the 1999–2000 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, in order to be eligible to receive funds available for the purposes of this article, the governing board of a school district shall take the following actions:
 - (1) The governing board shall hold a public hearing or hearings at which the governing board shall encourage participation by parents, teachers, members of the community interested in the affairs of the school district, and bargaining unit leaders, and shall make a determination, through a resolution, as to whether each pupil in each school in the district has, or will have prior to the end of that fiscal year, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both, in each subject that are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the state board.
 - (2) (A) If the governing board determines that there are insufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both, the governing board shall provide information to classroom teachers and to the public setting forth the reasons that each pupil does not have sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both, and take any action, except an action that would require reimbursement by the Commission on State Mandates, to ensure that each pupil has sufficient textbooks or instructional materials,

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1 or both, within a two-year period from the date of the 2 determination.

- (B) In carrying out subparagraph (A), the governing board may use money in any of the following funds:
- (i) Any funds available for textbooks or instructional materials, or both, from categorical programs, including any funds allocated to school districts that have been appropriated in the annual Budget Act.
- (ii) Any funds of the school district that are in excess of the amount available for each pupil during the prior fiscal year to purchase textbooks or instructional materials, or both.
- (iii) Any other funds available to the school district for textbooks or instructional materials, or both.
- (b) The governing board shall provide notice of the public hearing or hearings set forth in subdivision (a) in a manner in which it customarily provides similar notices and information to the public.
- (c) Except for purposes of Section 60252, governing boards of school districts that receive funds for instructional materials from any state source, are subject to the requirements of this section only in a fiscal year in which the Superintendent of Public Instruction determines that the base revenue limit for each school district will increase by at least 1 percent per unit of average daily attendance from the prior fiscal year.
- (d) The governing board of a school district is eligible to receive funds available for the purposes of this article for the 1994–95 fiscal year to the 1998–99 fiscal year, inclusive, whether or not the governing board complied with the public hearing requirement set forth in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a).
- SEC. 82. Section 60601 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 32 60601. This chapter shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2009, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which is enacted before January 1, 2009, deletes or extends that date.
- 36 SEC. 83. Section 62002 of the Education Code is repealed.
- 37 SEC. 84. Section 62007 of the Education Code is repealed.
- 38 SEC. 85. Section 62008 of the Education Code is repealed.
- 39 SEC. 86. Section 19050.8 of the Government Code is 40 amended to read:

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19050.8. The board may prescribe rules governing the temporary assignment or loan of employees within an agency or between agencies for not to exceed two years or between jurisdictions for not to exceed four years for any of the following purposes:

- (a) To provide training to employees.
- (b) To enable an agency to obtain expertise needed to meet a compelling program or management need.
 - (c) To facilitate the return of injured employees to work.

These temporary assignments or loans shall be deemed to be in accord with this part limiting employees to duties consistent with their class and may be used to meet minimum requirements for promotional as well as open examinations. An employee participating in that arrangement shall have the absolute right to return to his or her former position. Any temporary assignment or loan of an employee made for the purpose specified in subdivision (b) shall be made only with the voluntary consent of the employee.

In addition, out-of-class experience obtained in a manner not described in this section may be used to meet minimum requirements for promotional as well as open examinations, only if it was obtained by the employee in good faith and was properly verified under standards prescribed by board rule.

For purposes of this section, a temporary assignment or loan between educational agencies or jurisdictions shall be extended for up to two additional years upon a finding by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, and with the approval of the Executive Officer of the State Personnel Board, that the extension is necessary in order to substantially complete work on an educational improvement project. However, the temporary assignment of any local educator who is performing the duties of a nonrepresented classification while on loan to a state education agency may be extended for as many successive two year intervals as necessary by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Chancellor of Community Colleges with the concurrence of the education agency or jurisdiction. Public and private colleges and universities shall be considered educational agencies or jurisdictions within the meaning of this section.

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A temporary assignment within an agency or between agencies may be extended by the board for up to two additional years in order for an employee to complete an apprenticeship program.

- SEC. 87. Section 54901 of the Government Code is amended to read:
- 54901. (a) The statement shall be in the form required by the Board of Equalization and include a certified copy of the ordinance or resolution ordering the creation of or change in boundary of the city, district or zone thereof, a legal description of said boundaries and a map or plat indicating the boundaries.
- (b) If the proceedings require the executive officer of a local agency formation commission to execute a certificate of completion of proceedings, the statement shall set forth the effective date of the proceeding. The statement shall also specify whether or not the affected property will be taxed for any existing bonded indebtedness or contractual obligations, and specify the change associated with each affected agency.
- (c) For changes of organization or reorganizations which include the incorporation of, annexation to, or detachment from a city, the statement shall also include the estimated population of the affected territory and include a map or plat showing limiting addresses on streets within the affected territory.
- (d) For changes of organization or reorganizations that include the annexation to, or detachment from, a school district, the statement shall also include the estimated public school pupil population from the affected territory.
- SEC. 88. Section 54902 of the Government Code is amended to read:
- 54902. (a) On or before December 1 of the year immediately preceding the year in which the assessments or taxes are to be levied, the statement shall be filed with the auditor of each levying county, and the statement and the map or plat shall be filed with each assessor whose roll is used for the levy and with the State Board of Equalization in Sacramento.
- (b) When a statement of the creation or change of boundaries of a school district and a map or plat thereof is required to be filed with the State Board of Equalization, the authority required to file the statement and map or plat shall, at the same time, file a copy of the statement and map or plat with the Superintendent of Public

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1 Instruction and the county superintendent of schools of the county 2 in which the school district is located.

3 SEC. 89. Section 54903.1 of the Government Code is 4 repealed.

SEC. 90. Section 45 of Chapter 1167 of the Statutes of 2002 is amended to read:

Sec. 45. The sum of three hundred thirteen million nine hundred eight thousand dollars (\$313,908,000) is hereby appropriated for purposes of the School Improvement Programs by adding Item 6110-116-0001 to Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2002, to read:

6110–116–0001—For local assistance, Department of Education (Proposition 98), for transfer to Section A of the State School Fund, Program 20.60.030– School Improvement Programs, pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 52000) of Part 28 of the Education

Schedule:

(1) 20.60.030.010–For the purpose of making allowances for kindergarten and grades 1 to 6, inclusive

(2) 20.60.030.020–For the purpose of making allowances for grades 7 to

12, inclusive 54,181,000

Provisions:

1. From the funds appropriated in Schedule (2), the State Department of Education shall allocate \$34.67 per unit of average daily attendance (ADA) generated by pupils enrolled in grades 7 and 8 to those school districts that received School Improvement Grants in the 1989–90 fiscal year at arate of \$30 per unit of ADA generated by pupils enrolled in grades 7 and 8. The State Department of Education shall allocate \$123.18 per unit of ADA generated by pupils enrolled in grades 7 and 8 to school districts that received School Improvement Grants in the 1989–90 fiscal year at a rate of \$106.93 per unit of ADA generated by pupils in grades 7 and 8.

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2. Of the funds appropriated in Schedule (1) of this item, \$6,963,000 is for the purpose of providing a cost–of–living adjustment at a rate of 2.00 percent.

3. Of the funds appropriated in Schedule (2) of this item, \$2,303,000 is for the purpose of providing an adjustment for increases in average daily attendance at a rate of 3,27 percent. If growth funds are insufficient, the State Department of Education may adjust the per–pupil funding rates to conform to available funds. Additionally, \$1,453,000 is for the purpose of providing a cost–of–living adjustment at a rate of 2.00 percent.

SEC. 91. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the average daily attendance for the second principal apportionment of the 2001–02 fiscal year for the Oxnard Union High School District shall be calculated as 89.10 percent of the October 2001 CBEDS enrollment of 14,922, as approved by the Department of Finance.

SEC. 92. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution for those costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district because provisions of this act implement a federal law or regulation and results in costs mandated by the federal government, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code.

However, notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains other costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the claim for reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000), reimbursement shall be made from the State Mandates Claims Fund.

SEC. 93. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to ensure that the educational programs affected by this act are properly implemented, pursuant to the clarifying,

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- 1 technical, and other changes made by this act, it is necessary that
 2 this act take effect immediately.